

# The Chart

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### STUDENT HEALTH

## Bacterial meningitis kills student

### Kevin Watts' family mourns, wonders

**■ Business major remembered as one who 'put other people first'**

By PAULA SMITH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Kevin Watts spent most of his life helping others, but no one could help him when bacterial meningitis took his life last week.

Watts, 20, a junior business major at Missouri Southern, died at 8:01 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin.

"We have no idea [how he caught the disease]," said Watts' maternal aunt from Texas. "It was so unexpected."

"It just consumed him," said Rick Watts, his father.

Kevin Watts was born April 17, 1974, in Carthage and lived in Joplin most of his life. He was an assistant manager for Crown Video in Webb City and a volunteer fireman and first responder for the Redings Mill Fire Protection District.

Dr. Thomas Vernon, assistant professor of business, said Watts turned in a term paper for his Principles of Management class on Monday, April 3, the day before he went to the emergency room at Freeman Hospital.

Freeman sent Watts home that Tuesday, apparently thinking he had the flu. He was returned to the hospital Wednesday evening by ambulance, but his condition had worsened so much that doctors reportedly told Watts' mother to

start making funeral arrangements, a Crown Video employee said.

Vernon remembers Watts as an average student who "was definitely interested in doing better."

He said he always wore a black cowboy hat to class.

"That was his trademark," his aunt said.

Vernon commended Southern for its quick response to the situation.

"Dr. [Glenn] Dolence (vice president for student services) and the College nurse [Julia Foster] spoke in the class" on Friday, he said.

Vernon said due to the College's quick action, students' fears were calmed.

#### Other people first

"Kevin put other people first," Rick Watts said.

His father related a story of how Kevin saved a Joplin High School teenager's life last year. As a first responder for the Redings Mill Fire Protection District, Kevin heard of an accident near his home at Highway 43 and McClelland Boulevard. He was the first person at the scene and orchestrated the operations of the emergency personnel.

"If it hadn't been for Kevin, this young boy would not have lived," said his maternal aunt.

Rick Watts said the teenager came to Freeman just a few minutes after Kevin died, hoping to wish him well.

Kevin Richard Watts' funeral was held Monday afternoon at Joplin's Calvary Baptist Church. Pallbearers were members of the Redings Mill Fire Protection District. The church was filled to its capacity of 400. The Rev. Fred Pugh, officiated.

In the middle of the service, a thunderstorm began.

"That was not thunder, that was drum rolls and cymbals," Kevin's aunt said. "I thought it fitting it

### BACTERIAL MENINGITIS COMMON EARLY SYMPTOMS

- ▼ Neck Stiffness
- ▼ Fever
- ▼ Rash
- ▼ Severe sudden headache, accompanied by mental changes

\*The annual incidence in the United States is about one case per 100,000 population. This is the only case involving the campus community.

### Watts family creates memorial scholarship

A college degree was an unfulfilled dream for Kevin Watts. Now, after the Missouri Southern junior's death, his family hopes to help others reach that goal.

To that end, they have established a scholarship fund in his name.

"Kevin would have been the first one in our family to graduate from college," Rick Watts said. "And that was very important to him, so that is why we established the scholarship fund."

The Kevin Watts Memorial Scholarship is intended for business majors. Anyone interested in

making a donation may do so by sending it to Parker Mortuary, 1502 Joplin St., Joplin, MO 64804.

Rick Watts said the family has received about 150 cards and letters from friends and acquaintances of Kevin. Even the elementary teachers of Rick and Kevin Watts have sent letters.

Contributions may also be made to the Redings Mill Fire Protection District, where Kevin was a volunteer. Rick Watts said the family would like to use the money to buy a piece of equipment for the department in honor of Kevin. □

rained because it always rained whenever Kevin had something to do."

A fire truck led the procession from the church to his burial at Osborne Memorial Cemetery.

"He always loved fire trucks," his aunt said.

She spoke about the minister's statement that "he was country before country was cool."

His aunt and her husband are horse trainers, and she spoke of how Kevin always admired him and wore cowboy-fashion clothing long before it came in vogue.

Kevin's aunt said the family is

appreciative of the support they have received from the community. She did not have the same to say for the local news media, however.

"Almost the minute he died, the phone was ringing off the hook," she said. "We didn't have time to grieve."

Survivors include his parents, Rick and Becky Watts; two sisters, Karen and Kristy Watts, all of the home; paternal grandparents, Morris and Jean Watts of Carthage; maternal grandparents, Wayne and Mary Ruth Jackson, also of Carthage; and maternal great-grandparents, S.P. and Sally Baber of Austin, Texas. □

### Area health officials admit rise in cases

**■ Disease hits 3 already this year; up from 1 in '94**

By T.K. HANRAHAN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Both College administrators and area health officials consider Kevin Watts' fatal case of bacterial meningitis an isolated incident and a closed case, but some state health officials are less committal.

Bill St. Gemme, a health representative of the Jefferson City-based Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, told *The Chart* yesterday that the numbers for Jasper County are up from last year.

According to St. Gemme, three cases of meningococcal meningitis have been reported in the Jasper County area so far this year, up from just one case in 1994.

St. Gemme would not comment on whether this was a significant jump from last year. "There have been a couple of other ones, we're looking into it; let's leave it at that," he said.

At the county level, Watts' case is considered closed, but the overall situation is not.

"There are some things pending now, but we are looking at this particular situation as being over with," said Sheila Hart, a nurse supervisor at the Newton County Health Department.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said no new cases of the disease have been reported at Missouri Southern.

"If there have been any more within the student body, I am not aware of them," he said. "We did have one case of viral meningitis in a student over spring break, but that in a separate and less serious type [of meningitis]."

Dolence said the situation is one

#### LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS:



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Joplin City 623-6122  
MSSC Health Center ext. 9323

the College is taking seriously and efforts were made early to discover any possible contact students may have had with Watts.

"The student involved attended school for one day that week and was in two classes that day," Dolence said. "Both those classes were in the school of business, and we talked with the students in those classes to see if there was anyone who might have become infected."

"There was not." Last week, a Southwest Missouri State University student was diagnosed with perissaria meningitis, but Hart said that case is unrelated to Watts' case.

"Because Kevin's name was made public, Jefferson City [health officials] called the girl in Springfield and she couldn't establish any reason to think there was contact [between herself and Watts]," she said.

In order to contract bacterial meningitis, a person must have had contact with the oral or nasal secretions of an infected individual. Some examples include:

- kissing
- sharing eating utensils
- direct contact with an infected person's sneeze or cough □

### NURSING DEPARTMENT

## General Assembly considering bill to continue masters program

**■ \$175,000 appropriation would provide additional faculty and staff support**

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Nurses with bachelor's degrees may be able to complete their master's in nursing at Missouri Southern if the legislature approves a \$175,000 appropriation.

Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, has approved a recommendation to fund the master of science in nursing program offered at Southern through the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Legislation to appropriate \$175,000 to UMKC to continue the program was introduced by State Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

"The money will provide for additional faculty and staff support," said Dr. Nancy Mills, dean of the school of nursing at UMKC. "It will also help provide appropriate library resources for graduate education."

The program at Southern started in the 1994 fall semester and has approximately 40 students. Thirty students come from Joplin and the surrounding

communities while drive as much as an hour to class.

The program is a part of UMKC's distance learning program, which has outlets in Joseph, St. Louis, and other communities around Missouri.

"We've had great enrollment and tremendous community support [in Joplin]," Mills said. "We've been impressed with the students. They've been exceptional in terms of being able to work with us as far as classes being offered."

Dr. Barbara Box, head of the nursing department at Southern, said having the program here means talented nurses do not have to move away from southwest Missouri to continue their education.

"We've got great graduates who have had to apply to Columbia or somewhere else to get a master's degree," Box said. "The few who are accepted have to move, and never come back."

The program uses interactive television to allow students in Joplin to take part in classes conducted from Kansas City.

At the end of the current term, students will have completed 12 of the 43 hours required for a master of science in nursing degree with a family nurse practitioner emphasis.

Mills said students who go part-time can complete their master's in three years while those who go full-time will finish in 18 to 24 months. □

### ATHLETES VISIT AREA SCHOOLS



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Andrea Clarke, a pitcher for the softball Lady Lions, gives some instruction to preschoolers as part of Student Athlete Day. Clarke and Lions' catcher Bryce Darnell visited the Washington Education Center.

## CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 4/5/95 JUSTICE CENTER 4:15 p.m. Park ranger Jennifer Linde hit her head on concrete when the mats separated while she was practicing throws. She was transported to St. John's Regional Medical Center for a checkup.
- 2** 4/7/95 GOCKEL HALL 10:15 p.m. A tree in front of Gockel Hall was broken and twisted in an apparent act of vandalism.

## MISSOURI COLLEGE MEDIA ASSOCIATION

# Hanrahan takes award

■ MCMA honors 'Chart' editor with Journalist of the Year

TR Hanrahan, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, was named Missouri College Journalist of the Year Saturday at the Missouri College Media Association convention in Kirksville.

Hanrahan became the sixth Missouri Southern recipient of the award, joining Chris Clark (1991), Mark Ernstmann (1988), Clark Swanson (1979), Liz DeMerice (1977), and Tim Dry (1976).

"This is indeed quite an honor," Hanrahan said. "I was shocked and more than a little moved."

"It was the culmination of several years of hard work and is a tribute to the type of program we have at Missouri Southern."

In presenting the award, Rosalyn Pursley, adviser to *The Cornerstone* at East Central College in Union, Mo., cited Hanrahan's previous MCMA awards in editorial writing, investigative reporting, and in-depth news reporting.

Hanrahan has also served both *The Chart* and *The Longview* [C.C.] *Current* as editor-in-chief and was twice elected president of the MCMA.

*The Chart* won 19 awards at Saturday's convention and shared the MCMA's sweepstakes trophy with Saint Louis University. *The Chart* competed in division two with Northeast Missouri State, Southeast Missouri State, Northwest Missouri State, Missouri Western, and Webster University.

First-place awards went to Hanrahan, editorial writing; Hanrahan and Ryan Bronson, investigative reporting; John

Hacker, sports photography; Hacker, photo page; Rick Rogers, sports column; Rogers, sports page; Chris Lassiter, advertising; Lassiter, information graphics; *The Chart*, special section; and *The Chart*, page one design.

Second-place awards went to: Genie Undernehr, feature writing; Aileen Gronewold, Jessica Oehlschlager, and Vicki Steele, in-depth news reporting; and *The Chart*, editorial page.

Third-place awards went to: Dan Wiszon, feature writing; Deborah Solomon, photo page; P.J. Graham, entertainment review; Bronson, sports column; Lassiter, advertising; and *The Chart*, special section.

Northeast Missouri State was named Missouri's Best College Newspaper, taking the award from *The Chart*, the 1994 winner.

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## SIXTH GRADERS TOUR SPIVA



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Bob Black, reference librarian, (right) shows a Webb City sixth grade class the Lion on a tour around Spiva Library Monday afternoon. Deanna Woolsey, the class' teacher, is a Southern's Plus volunteer.

## STUDENT SENATE

# College proposes health plan

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

If the College administration gets the go-ahead from the student body, a new health insurance policy could be instituted as early as next fall.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, addressed the issue during last night's Student Senate meeting.

"Doug Carnahan (dean of students) and I have been looking into what we can do to improve the College's health services," Dolence said. "One thousand nine hundred students went through our on-campus health clinic. Twelve to 15 percent did not have any kind of coverage for extended care. We want to increase health services on campus and help those with no coverage."

Dolence said the insurance would cost each student \$10 a semester, which would be added into tuition costs. The policy would

cover accident and sickness expenses above and beyond any insurance the student might already have, and would be in effect 24 hours a day for a full year.

"The policy will cover from dollar one up to \$10,000," Dolence said. "If you have a current policy, this policy will work with your current plan to pay the deductible or the full amount."

Dolence asked the Senate to speak to students and report its findings at next week's meeting.

"It would cost \$10 a semester, but it would require agreement from the student body to institute," he said. "Discuss this with your classmates, other students, and make a recommendation, because this could benefit 700 to 800 people."

Sophomore senator Stacey Mathes, who attended the College's student affairs committee meeting that proposed the idea, spoke in behalf of the policy.

"There are no loopholes," she

said. "It's just a normal policy. We should be glad we are only going to have to pay \$10. There are a lot of people on this campus who don't have any coverage at all."

Junior senator Liliana Valencia proposed redirecting the student activity money that goes to *Crossroads: The Magazine* to help offset the insurance cost.

She said she would much rather pay for student health than "that thing they make over there."

In old business, senators reported on committee meetings.

The Senate is trying to get campus organizations to set up promotional tables on the oval during Spring Fling activities. The sign-up deadline is Friday, April 14.

"Tell all the organizations," said junior senator John Weedn. "Make sure they know we are inviting them to this."

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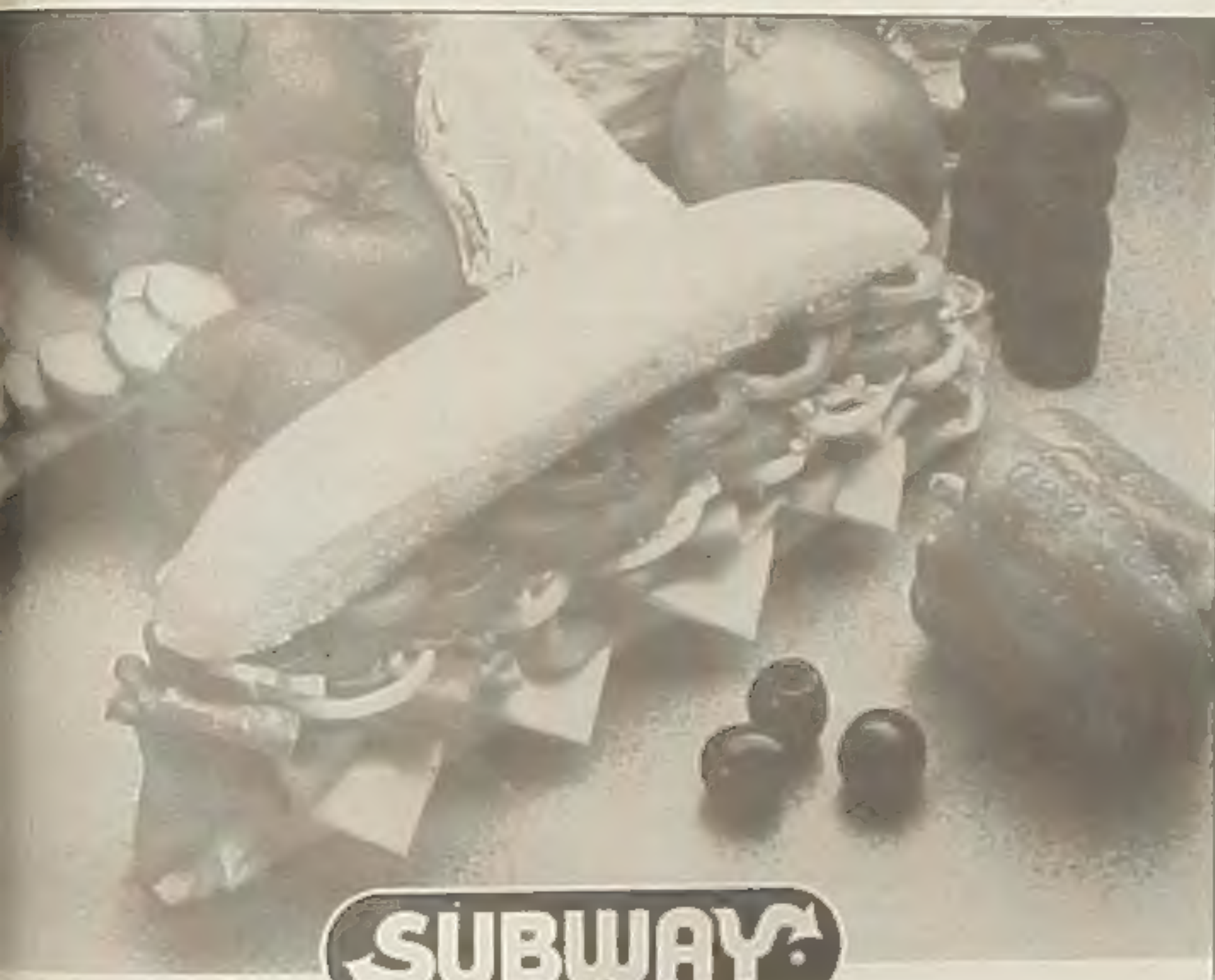
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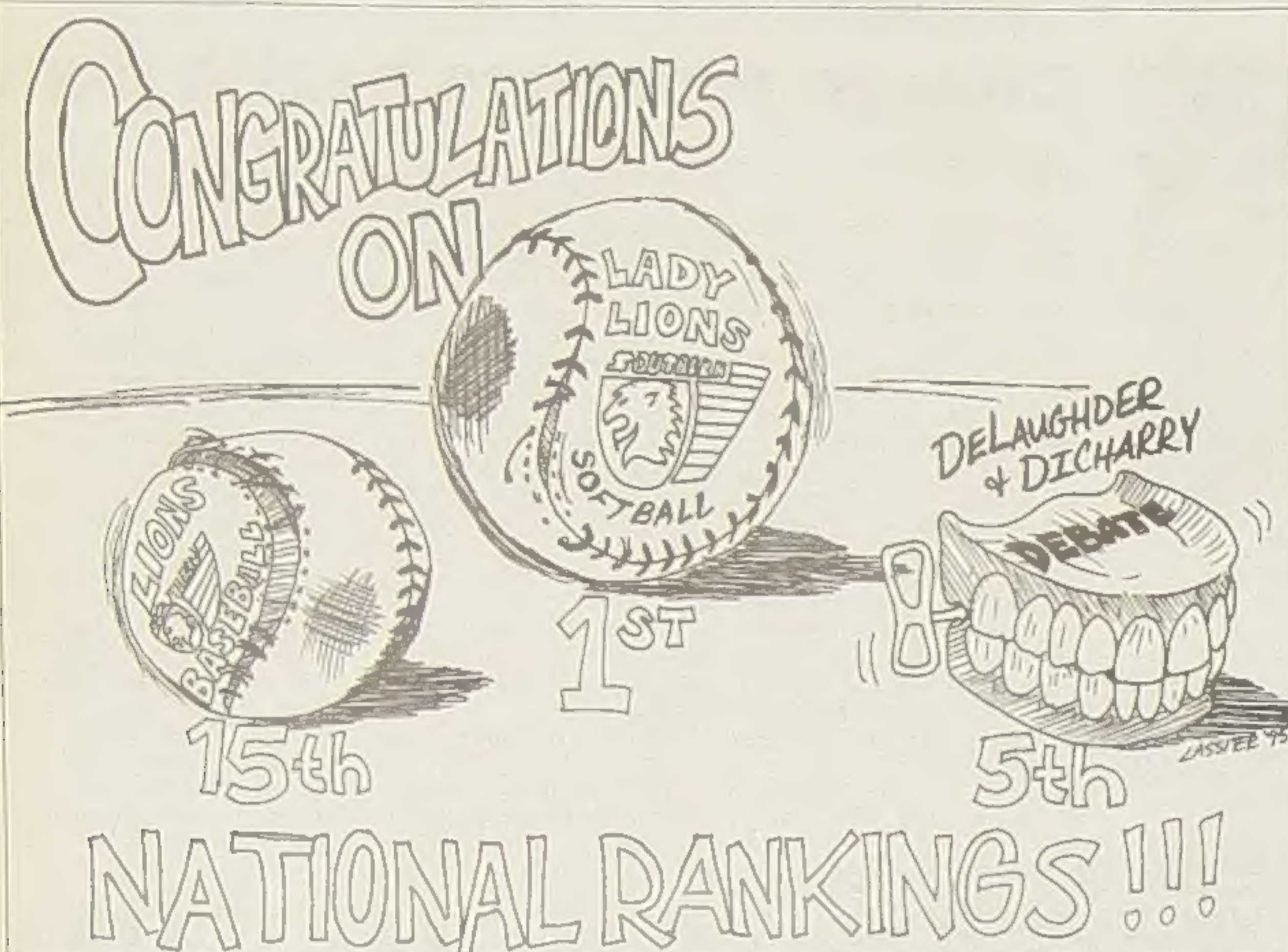
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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Let's learn from Kevin's death

Listen up, Missouri Southern. Although the College has responded quickly, effectively, and responsibly in investigating and handling the case of bacterial meningitis here, Kevin Watts' death should serve as a wake-up call to the entire campus community.

On April 4, Watts, a junior business major, went to Freeman Hospital complaining of a high fever and an achy body. The next day, he was dead. This student's passing is especially poignant in that Monday would have been his 21st birthday.

Though tragic, Watts' death should not simply be cause for sadness but a call to action. While it appears this is an isolated case in the College community, state health officials have admitted that the number of cases in Jasper County is up from last year. What is scary about that figure is that we have more than eight months to go in 1995.

Questions remain unanswered. Why was Watts released from Freeman on April 4? Why are the number of cases in this area on the rise? How can students be sure they have not been exposed?

We urge all public officials with a stake in this

matter to come clean with what is happening and what is being done to find answers to this potentially deadly public health problem. To their credit, health authorities and College officials have quickly calmed fears and disseminated appropriate information on prevention and treatment.

What students do with that information is vital to the health of our communities and campus. It is imperative the disease be caught in its early stages. Initial symptoms include headaches, neck stiffness, and high fever. These are often dismissed as harmless, but doing so could prove fatal. A later symptom is a rash, and Sheila Hart, a nurse supervisor at the Newton County Health Department, says this is where the disease is most dangerous.

"If it gets that far, it can be cured but I don't know what kind of quality of life the patient would have," she said.

Students should learn from Kevin Watts' tragic and early death. His family said he always put others first; he would want us to stay healthy—and alive. □

## Great things happening here

Some great things are happening at Missouri Southern.

If ever there was a question about whether Southern could compete on a national level, some teams and individuals are putting it to rest.

Last month, Tongula Walker took a national championship in the long jump. But Walker is not alone at the top. The softball Lady Lions are ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II softball. At No. 15, the baseball Lions are looking to crack the top 10. And Ken DeLaughter and Eric Dicharry recently finished fifth in the nation in debate.

Congratulations are indeed in order for these fine

students and their dedicated coaches. In addition to classes, these students practice or prepare for hours each day, and some work off campus to make ends meet. They are truly outstanding representatives of Missouri Southern.

For most NCAA Division II competitors, the chance of a pro career in sports is remote, and most debaters are headed for the work force or graduate programs. This is their final hurrah.

It is heartening to see our friends and colleagues achieve success because it paves the way for the rest of us. □

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## The power of silence

Quiet quality unsettling for most, useful to editor

I always dread the week when the editor's column becomes my responsibility, simply because I can never find a suitable topic.

My fellow Chart editors say, "This is your turn to speak your mind, to voice your opinion. How can you not find something to write about?"

It's simple—I have nothing to say. That doesn't mean I have no opinions. I do, and some are rather strong. But I am more apt to listen to other people's opinions than I am to force mine on others.

I have always been a quiet person, mostly because of something my dad told me when I was younger. "Never tell all you know," he said. "Sometimes it's not good to share all of your knowledge. It can get you into trouble." Very true.

I have always found I learn more by listening than by telling people what I think. But people in the western societies (northern Europe and North America) view silence negatively. They are uncomfortable with prolonged silences.

For example, how many times have you found yourself alone with someone and felt the need to ask that person a question, to start a conversation? Asking questions forces a person to respond at the risk of being rude, thus ending the silence.

Many people, when they first meet me, get the impression that I am a rude, snob-

bish person because I don't readily volunteer information. But I see nothing wrong with not speaking. I believe silence is an effective form of communication.

Think of the many messages you can convey simply with an absence of words: approval, disapproval, defiance, consent, sympathy, anger, love, and numerous others.

And silence has a certain power. Anyone who is comfortable with silence has a definite advantage over someone who is not. Silence can be an effective intimidation



By Genie Undernehr  
Campus Editor

interview when your prospective employer is reviewing your resume? Or when you told someone news that might make the person sad or angry? You want an immediate response, you want words—not a session-filled silence.

I sometimes have this effect on people. I make them nervous because they don't know how to deal with someone who doesn't share thoughts and ideas. I believe few words are better than more words, and when I have something to say, I say it. However, just because I don't verbalize my opinions or ideas doesn't mean I don't have them.

People tell me, "You're too quiet. Why don't you say something?" It's simple—have nothing to say. □

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Impressions of USA

With 6 weeks left, visitor savoring American culture

[Editor's Note: Yanushevskaya, an instructor of English at Novgorod, Russia, is a visiting instructor at Missouri Southern this semester.]

Almost every day I hear from different kinds of people one and the same question: "What do you think of the USA?" Now, after I have spent almost three months in America and gotten acquainted with a great number of people and traditions, I think I am ready enough to give you my first impressions of your amazing country.

You have probably heard such terms as "cultural shock." I had been warned before I came here that usually foreigners experience this particular feeling in America. I hoped that I would be strong enough not to have it, but I was not.

That is why the very first impression of the USA was one of astonishment. I was deeply surprised by the degree to which the life here is influenced and conditioned by technology: machines, gadgets, and labor-saving devices are everywhere. Whichever institution you visit, there are computers, printers, faxes, copy machines, and other things. In every American house, you will see a toaster, a microwave, a dish washer, and many different things about which some people in my country do not have a slightest idea.

For Americans, it is just a normal state of things. They are so used to technology, especially their own cars, that it seems they stopped walking at all. When I was going on foot to a grocery store, at least three cars stopped and people offered me a drive. I saw surprise in their eyes when I replied that I simply enjoyed walking! But

I was terribly surprised myself to observe an interesting sight in the bank one day. When I was trying to get some cash, my card, a car approached the ATM, and without getting out of his car a person inserted his card into that slot and got some money! Now I believe the people who tend to think that sometimes Americans are lazy!

The next thing that struck me was how fast the tempo of life is, both with energy, very fast. All people seem to be extremely time-conscious. They have a strict sense of punctuality and hate to waste their time by being late or having other people late for appointments. I began

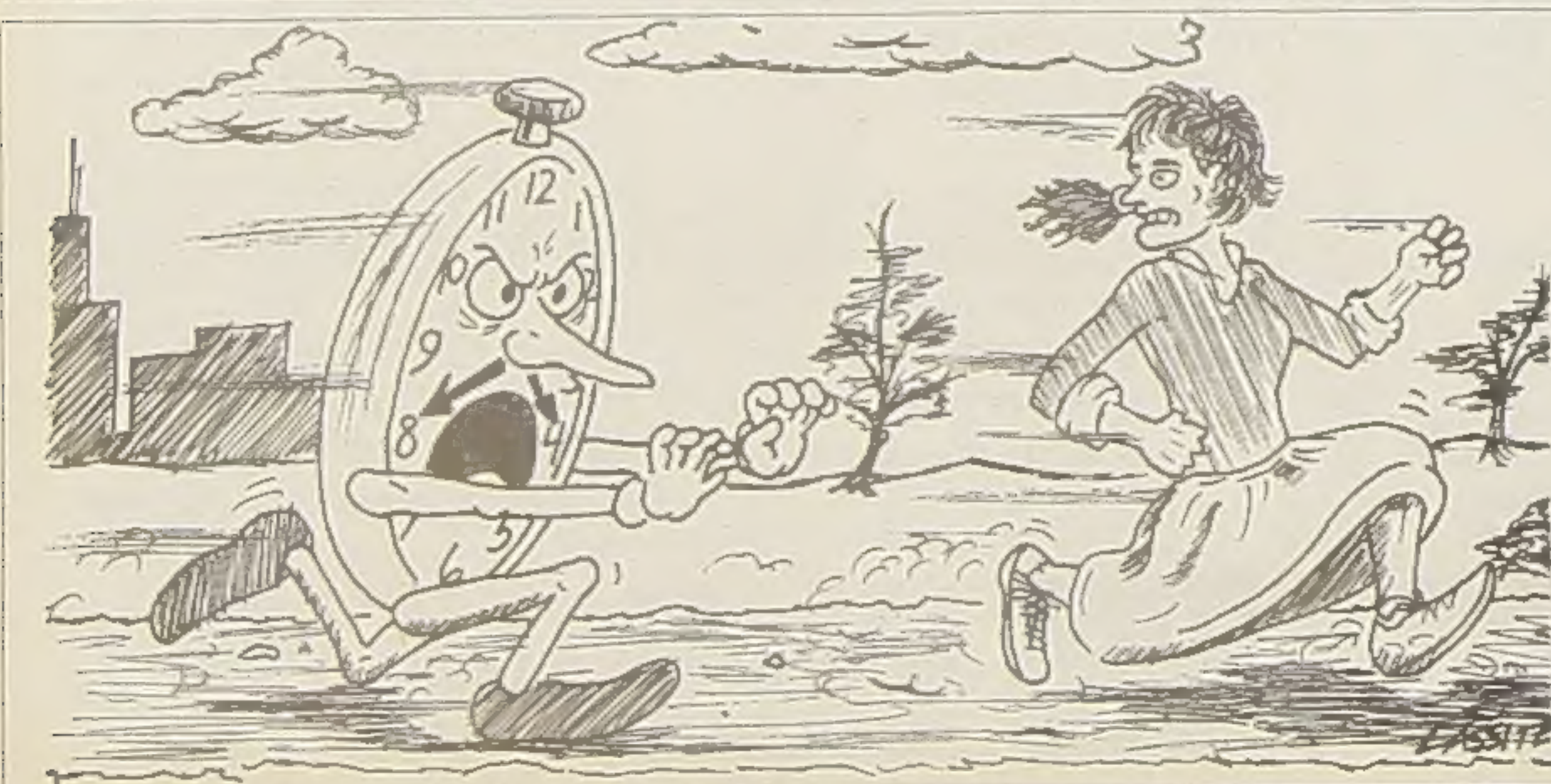
to experience a lack of time in the USA. I have a very tense schedule at Missouri Southern, working as a teacher and studying

three courses simultaneously. With the expression "How time does fly" obtained in the States has quite a meaning. Whenever I think that I am only six more weeks to experience the chasing feeling of belonging to the past and time in America, I want something significant to happen every hour, every minute, so that in the future I would be able to recall pleasant episodes connected with my staying in the USA for hours.

Of course, it is impossible to describe my impressions just in a short article. I do not say anything about beautiful people whom I met here with a certain purpose. I guess it is a topic for a special story. I am taking advantage of writing in a newspaper today, I would like to thank all my colleagues and students, and simply those who made my staying in the USA very productive and enjoyable. □



By Marina  
Yanushevskaya  
Instructor of English  
Novgorod, Russia



The Chart

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“I have a face for radio.”

# A passion for media

BY JONATHAN SABO  
STAFF WRITER

“

I go into Wal-Mart and write a check and people recognize my name, but they can't remember why it's so familiar.

Rhett Wellington

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Rhett Wellington, junior mass communications major, knew when he was 13 years old that he wanted to work in television the rest of his life.

Through an Explorer Scouts program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts and led by KSNF's Jim Jackson, Wellington got to go behind the scenes at the Joplin television station.

"I begged Jim Jackson to let me know of any job openings there. I just wanted to get my foot in the door," Wellington said.

Through that contact, he began working at the station in the summer of 1991 and now, nearly four years later, is still working for KSNF-TV, an NBC affiliate.

For six months he worked as camera operator/ weekend audio technician. Then he moved into the weeknight audio position where he is now.

Wellington said a benefit of his position is that he gets his name on the air every weeknight in the closing credits.

"I go into Wal-Mart and write a check and people recognize my name, but they can't remember why it's so familiar," he said.

Wellington does a wide variety of jobs at KSNF. He comes in at 5 p.m. and records "Color the Weather" with Ken Ford for use during the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news. He directs two news updates at 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Before each edition of the newscast at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., he is responsible for getting the studio microphones in working order and checking to make sure they have fresh batteries. During the newscasts he coordinates the audio with the video.

At 7 p.m., Wellington runs Missouri Pick 3, Lotto, and Show-Me 5 lotteries which crawl across the bottom of the screen.

Approximately one year ago, Wellington became a disc jockey for KDMO-AM, a country music station in Carthage. In the past month, he has been promoted to music director, and announces every weekday morning

from 6 a.m. to noon. Wellington says the most interesting part of his job is the live call-in show he hosts called Swap Shop, where people call in wanting to sell, give away, or trade items.

"It's totally live. There is no seven-second delay like on most radio call-in shows," he said. "I have a face for radio."

Wellington says the most unusual call he has received was from a man who wanted to find a mate for his rooster. One week later the man called back to say he had found a hen through the radio show.

"Our demographics is for 40 and over, so we get a lot of nuts on the air," Wellington muses.

Wellington says that his ultimate career goal would be to direct a Monday Night Football game or an NBA game on NBC because it is so fast-paced and there are so many things going on to be responsible for.

In order to get the experience he needs to accomplish that goal, he became president of Alpha Epsilon Rho, the national broadcasting society. He encourages Southern mass communications majors to join on-campus organizations.

"There are certain things you learn out of a textbook, but certain activities associated with the career you are going into gives you the hands-on opportunities you can't learn in a textbook," he said.

Wellington is president of the local chapter of the National Broadcasting Society—Alpha Epsilon Rho. The national chapter includes such professionals as Bob Costas and Gordon Jump, who played Arthur Carlson on "WKRP in Cincinnati." In March, at the national convention in Atlanta, Southern received the "Model Chapter Award." Only 13 of the awards were given in the United States.

Wellington said Alpha Epsilon Rho is a "support group for the elite."

In 1993, Wellington received a Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. He placed second in the in-depth reporting category in Region 7 for a half-hour documentary on emergency services in Joplin called "Joplin's Heroes." □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Rhett Wellington, junior communications major, sits in the director's chair in the KSNF sound booth. He works behind the scenes there and DJs at KDMO-AM.

## CAREER ADVICE

### '80s globalization boon sluffs, call for technicians premature

In the late 1980s there was a push for more highly trained technical people to maintain global competitiveness and national security. It turns out the call was more rhetoric than reality.

Heeding the siren song of shortage the nation's best and brightest rushed to become chemists and physicists and mathematicians at the doctoral level.

Here's one example. Today's unemployment in the science fields, by comparison to the overall 8 to 9 percent, is not so high, but at 2.7 percent for chemists, up from 1.1 percent in 1990, gloom falls across the profession.

What happened? Professors, many hired in the 1960s, haven't bowed out yet; the supposition is it won't happen until later in the decade. The downsizing of defense, the folding of the Superconducting Super Collider, the merging of biotech and pharmaceutical firms and economic globalization have combined to create a tough job market for Ph.D. scientists and engineers.

It's not necessarily that most can't find what many would consider decent employment—computer programming, technical expertise in law firms and various positions in pension funds, banks, brokerage houses, small business, high schools, and community colleges. The bitter pill is underemployment. The Ph.D.s want to be doing serious research, preferably in academia. "If you're not there, you're not anywhere," is the feeling.

So why don't universities cut back on the numbers of graduate enrollments? Because they don't have to. Not only does the grant money flow more freely with lots of students, but, as grad students, the surplus provides cheap labor. Plus, as the openings do occur, the search committees can cherry pick the most brilliant and throw away the rest.

Some forecasters believe the low demand for Ph.D.s is no short cycle, but a negative sea change. Others say frankly they don't know what to expect. Somebody has to figure out a way to keep all those Russian nuclear scientists gainfully occupied.

If there is any good news from this kind of unhappy situation—a career scenario gone wrong for many who believed in it—it's a new support system tool that offers marvelous career research

opportunities. The tool is online discussion groups, made possible by a network of computers. Network subscribers type back and forth to each other on their computer keyboards.

For example, a discussion group called the Young Scientists Network is made up of some 3,000 scientific researchers who regularly discuss the state of the scientific and engineering job market. Suggestions are given on alternative careers. Lots of grant tips are passed on. You need not participate in the ongoing dialogue, but you can "lurk," which means hang back, watch and learn.

YSN is handled as a mailing list, which means it's a kind of e-mail. The subscription itself is free (to subscribe, send e-mail to ysn-job-list@las.chemistry.uakron.edu).

Other discussion groups, suitable for researching various occupations, abound. Whether mailing lists, news groups, bulletin boards or electronic gatherings called by another name, such as "roundtable" or "forum," the groups offer one thing in common to career seekers: the opportunity to look into specific work areas in a way never before possible. Instead of asking a half-dozen people in a career field how things are going, you can ask a thousand. □



By JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY  
COLUMNIST

## On-campus interviews

Interested persons may contact Career Planning & Placement

| When: | Who:                           | Positions:  | Majors:   |
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| Today | Social Security Administration | Service and claim representatives, administrative aides | All, prefers students graduating in May or July |

## BOXERS LINGERIE TOGAS



Party !!!

Friday, April 21st  
7:00p.m. to midnight  
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BSC 2nd floor lounge

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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|    |    |    |    | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |    |    |    |

### Today 13

Registration for students with 30+ hours.  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.—  
Kohona free lunch, Stegge Hall basement.  
Noon—  
Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Natural History and People of East Africa," by Dr. Dan Overdeer, BSC 310.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—  
Latter Day Saint Student Association, BSC 313.  
12:15 p.m.—  
Model United Nations Club, Webster Hall II.  
2:30 p.m.—  
Writing Program Committee Workshop, "Student Perspectives about the Writing Program," Matthews Hall 103.  
2:30 p.m.—  
Modern Communications Club, Webster Hall Third Floor Atrium.  
5 p.m.—  
Deadline for nominations for Fourth Annual Student Services Leadership and Service Recognition Assembly, BSC 211.  
5:30 p.m.—  
T.N.T. (Thursday-Nights-Together), free food, exciting programs, great speakers, Baptist Student Union.

### Tomorrow 14

Good Friday  
10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—  
Easter Buffet, free to board students, \$5 others, BSC Third Floor.  
Noon—  
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall 123.

### Sunday 16

Easter  
9:30 a.m.—  
Fellowship Baptist Church College Sunday School, Baptist Student Union.

### Monday 17

Student Senate executive officer petitions available, BSC 211.  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—  
High school Spring visitation day.  
Noon—  
CAB Lecture: Richard Preston to speak about a rain forest virus that nearly decimated Washington, D.C., BSC Keystone Room.

### Tuesday 18

8 a.m.—  
Newman Club Catholic Organization, fellowship, food, and fun, BSC 306.  
12:15 p.m.—  
College Republicans, BSC 31.  
12:15 p.m.—  
Passover Seder, sponsored by Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 310.

### Wednesday 19

7:30 p.m.—  
Southern Theatre Production "Twelfth Night," runs through April 22, \$3 general admission, \$1 children, senior citizens, students free with College ID, Taylor Performing Arts Center.  
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—  
Free, confidential HIV testing and counseling, call 625-9323 for appointment, Kuhn Hall 301.  
2 p.m.—  
CAB Meeting, everyone welcome, BSC 31.  
3 p.m.—  
Lady Lions Softball double header at Northeastern State.  
5:30 p.m.—  
Student Senate, BSC 310.

## TEACHER AWARDS

# Administration, Senate to award faculty

Academic affairs nominations due; Student Senate to hold campus-wide elections May 1-2

By PHYLIS DETAR  
STAFF WRITER

Each year, Missouri Southern recognizes exceptional faculty members who strive for academic excellence by presenting outstanding teacher awards, and this year is no exception.

"It is a mark of distinction from students, faculty, and alumni who recognize geniuses in the class room," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "This program gives strong support to academic excellence on our campus."

Bitterbaum said he likes the words of President Robert Hutchinson of the University of Chicago who described a good teacher as one who "calms the disturbed and disturbs the calm."

The Missouri Southern Foundation provides an award of \$1,000 to each of the two faculty members selected for the honor. The College decides the winners from the official nomination forms received.

Faculty, students, and alumni are eligible to nominate faculty. The nominee must be full-time, be teaching at least six credit hours a semester, and be in at least the third year of teaching at Southern.

Official nomination forms are available in Matthews, Reynolds, Hearnes, Kuhn, Taylor, and Webster Halls, as well as the Learning Center, Billingsly Student Center, Spiva Library,

Young Gymnasium, Anderson Justice Center, Ummel Technology, Alumni House, and Fine Arts Complex.

Nomination forms should be deposited in Box 110, located in Hearnes Hall, Room 106, by Monday.

"The names of the recipients remain a secret until they are announced by the president during commencement exercises," Bitterbaum said.

Winners of the awards since 1990 include Dr. Rosanne Joyner, Dr. Brian Babbitt, Terry Marion, Dr. David Tate, Dr. Dale Simpson, Dr. Gwendolyn Murdock, Dr. Arthur Saltzman, Dr. Judith Conboy, Dr. James Shaver, Dr. Virginia Laas, and Dr. John Messick.

The 1995 Student Senate teacher award contests will coincide with Student Senate elections May 1-2.

"The awards were started last

year by the Senate diversification committee and voted on by the Senate," said John Weedn, committee chairman. "This year the whole campus will vote on them."

Recognition will be given for 11 categories: most knowledgeable, most helpful and concerned, most interesting, most humorous, most dedicated, strangest habits, snazziest dresser, most creative, best tie, best story teller, and most enthusiastic.

"We decided there are a lot more

teachers on campus that we really appreciate," said Jennifer Schumaker, member of the diversification committee. "Even though some of the awards are funny, by just being nominated they will know they are appreciated." □

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| Semester:  | SPRING  |
| Academic Year:   | 1994-95 |
| OFFICIAL NOMINATION<br>OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD   |         |
| Name of Teacher Nominated:   |         |
| Department:  |         |
| Please state the reason you have nominated this teacher. Describe his or her qualities as thoroughly as you wish. (Use an additional page if necessary.) |         |
| Signature:   |         |
| If you are a student or member of the Alumni, please identify the class or classes you have taken from this professor.                                   |         |
| Name:  |         |
| Faculty to Box 110, Office Services, Hearnes Hall, Room 106, no later than MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1995.   |         |



Kelly Daigle, senior chemistry major, looks for job opportunities in the local newspapers displayed at the Spiva Library yesterday.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

# Area towns send news to Spiva

By PHYLIS DE TAR  
STAFF WRITER

Hometown news is now available to students in the main area of Spiva Library.

More than 20 newspapers have responded to a request for subscriptions from Rod Surber, Missouri Southern's news bureau manager.

"Being in the news business, I have always thought it would be a good idea for both the College and the students to have the papers available," he said.

Surber also said students can now stop at Southern's library and keep in touch with their friends back home, as well as what is going on with their city councils.

Eighty percent of Southern's student body comes from a nine-county area.

The region consists of Barry, Barton, McDonald, Lawrence, Newton, Vernon, Dade, Greene, and Jasper counties in Missouri. A significant number also come from nearby counties in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Surber submitted requests for subscriptions to 36 of the newspapers published in those counties. Many of those now being received are complimentary.

The Joplin Globe, Neosho Daily News, Carthage Press, and Springfield NewsLeader were already available in the library.

The latest additions are: The Pittsburg (Kan.) Morning Sun, Vernon County Record, Aurora Advertiser, Marionville Free Press, Miller Press, Cassville Democrat, Lamar Democrat, McDonald County

News-Gazette, Newton County News, Pierce City Leader-Journal, Sarcoxie Record, Seneca News-Dispatch, Webb City Sentinel, El Dorado Springs Sun, El Dorado Springs Star, Baxter Springs (Kan.) Citizen, Grove (Okla.) Sun, Buffalo Reflex,

Greenfield Vedette, Cedar County Republican, Butler News-Express, and Bolivar Herald-Free Press.

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Rod Surber  
Public information

op a habit of reading them," Surber said.

"I think it is great that Charles Kemp, head librarian, has put them in such a visible place."

If students do not find a newspaper representing their region, the public information office will try to obtain it.

Students should notify Surber in Room BSC 119 or call Ext. 9506.

"Our forefathers understood that in order for democracy to function, we must have a well-informed citizenry," he said. "One way of doing that is to read your local newspapers." □

## BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

# 13 science fair finalists receive college scholarships

Winners to enter International Science and Engineering Fair in Ontario, Canada

By CASEY MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

Meal worms reproduce best in Lucky Charms but grow faster in the nutritious cereal Total.

That's one of the revelations of Seneca High School senior Jobi Graham's project, which was entered in the sixth annual Missouri Southern Regional Science Fair last weekend.

The contest, held on the third floor of the BSC, featured about 150 participants from junior high and high schools in southwest Missouri.

Grand prize winners in the senior division were Aaryn McFarland from Neosho and Deepa Mangalal of Joplin Junior High.

They will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Sarah Lovinger from Nevada and Erin Rosenberg of Joplin Junior

High were the grand prize winners of the junior division.

The top 13 students in the fair received scholarships to Southern. There were also a number of special awards given in the form of plaques, certificates, and cash prizes.

According to Dr. John Knapp, an associate professor of physics who directed this year's competition, all students will receive contacts beyond high school.

"Faculty members come from Crowder and Southern to recruit new students," he said, "and members of the Armed Forces come to see the senior-level students."

The projects were mostly presented in the form of stand-up booths with the stages of experiments and photos posted.

There were about 13 different categories in science to choose from. Fifty percent of the projects were strictly biology related; the rest were in fields like computer science and engineering.

Topics for the projects came from

a broad range, including Carl Junction senior Maranatha Covert's first-place study of the effects of sleep deprivation.

Sheldon Junior High eighth grader Levi Henry's experiment asked the question, "Does Nintendo Affect the Brain?"

Jobi Graham, whose worms-in-the-cereal experiment did not win at the fair, said she got her idea after noticing a large amount of meal worms living in thrown-away crackers from her parents' restaurant in Anderson, Mo. Graham, who plans to major in accounting at Southern next fall, says reaction to her experiment has been mixed.

"At the Seneca Science Fair everyone thought it was gross," she said, "but it was actually a fun project."

This was the second level of advancement for most of the projects, which typically started out in high school fairs.

The third level is the international fair, which features student works from all over North America. □

*"Faculty members come from Crowder and Southern to recruit new students."*

Dr. John Knapp  
Associate professor



John Getchell, Joplin resident, looks at a science fair project detailing the study of antioxidant metals Friday in the Billingsly Student Center.

'Hot Zone' author to speak

Anyone who has seen Dustin Hoffman's recent movie *Outbreak* may be interested in the next lecture sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Dr. Richard Preston, author of the best-selling novel *The Hot Zone*, will speak about the true story

behind the movie and the novel on which it was based.

Preston will also explore how man's destruction of the world's rainforests are bringing unknown viruses into the human population.

The presentation will be at noon Monday in the third-floor Keystone Room of the Billingsly Student Center. □

## "ECM" Ecumenical Campus Ministry Seder

12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

BSC 310

All Students Welcome

Dr. Paul Teverow

Dr. William Tannenbaum

## SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

### ON CAMPUS

**Southern Theatre**  
April 19-22—*Twelfth Night*  
Webster Hall  
April 20—Senior Voice Recital (Linda Lunow)  
April 23—Harold Maburn Trio  
May 2—Flute Students Recital  
May 5—Carl Cranmer  
May 6—Suzuki Students Recital  
**Phinney Hall**  
May 18—Choral Society Concert  
**Taylor Auditorium**  
April 27—Southern Concert Band  
May 4—Southern Jazz Band  
May 8—Community Orchestra  
May 11—Spring Choral Concert

### JOPLIN

The Bypass  
624-9095  
Tomorrow—Smokin' Joe Kubek & Boies King  
April 15—Live Comedy Show featuring Mike Weldon and John McDowell

### CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Theatre  
417-358-9665  
April 20, 21, and 22—*A Woman With No Name*  
June 29, 30, and 31—*Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*

### KANSAS CITY

Sandstone Amphitheatre  
816-931-3330  
April 30 & May 11—The Eagles  
May 2—Queensryche with Type O Negative  
May 5—Alabama with Neal McCoy  
May 13—Lynyrd Skynyrd with Tesla and Bloodline  
May 21—Boston  
May 28—R.E.M.  
June 3—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers  
June 9—John Michael Montgomery with The Tractors  
June 11—Yanni  
Memorial Hall  
816-931-3330  
April 28—Carrot Top  
May 12—The Black Crowes  
Municipal Auditorium  
816-931-3330  
May 3—Beastie Boys with Blues Explosion and The Roots

### COLUMBIA

Deep Blues  
314-875-0588  
Tonight—Hot Pursuit  
Tomorrow—Mudbugs  
April 15—Fast Johnny Ricker  
April 19—Doug Cox and The Rockers  
April 20—Jaque Non Paudro  
April 21—The Silvatones  
April 22—Patti & The Hitmen  
April 27—Mark Hummel  
The Blue Note  
314-874-1944  
Tomorrow—Dread Zeppelin with Punkinhead  
April 15—Blues Traveler  
April 17—Sublime with Sablah  
April 18—Jake's Leg  
April 21—Veruca Salt  
April 22—Jon Spencer  
Blues Explosion with Frog Pond and R.L. Burnside

### ST. LOUIS

Rickman Auditorium  
314-296-8000  
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys  
Mississippi Nights  
314-421-3853  
Tomorrow—Material Issue  
April 21—The Radiators

### DEBATE

## DeLaughter, Dicharry seize 5th at nationals

■ Marlow pleased with showing in San Diego, looks forward to future

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

Discussing ocean development in the sunshine state powered two Missouri Southern debaters to fifth place at the national tournament.

Seniors Eric Dicharry and Ken DeLaughter finished among the top five teams in the country with their performance in San Diego two weeks ago. It was the second year in a row that DeLaughter was involved in a fifth-place combination at nationals.

There were 227 teams at the tournament representing more than 100 different schools from across the United States. The eventual

winner of the tournament was Michigan State University.

"A lot of it is an endurance contest," debate coach Eric Marlow said. "You're talking four days with four rounds a day, and after awhile that begins to wear you down pretty hard."

"I think they went into it expecting to get as far as they did, so we were not surprised to be in the top 16 at all."

Dicharry and DeLaughter lost to Cornell University, which ran a case on nude beaches it didn't use until debating Southern.

"Nude beaches made for some interesting cross-examination questions," Marlow said. "It was a total surprise and made for a very entertaining debate round to say the least."

Because he is shy of credits and will not graduate next month, Dicharry will most likely rejoin the squad for one more year. Marlow believes Dicharry's experience will

help incoming recruits.

"In the last three rounds, Eric Dicharry debated better than he's ever debated in his life," Marlow

said. "So having him back is going to be a really strong asset to the squad."

Kim Lawry and Jason Newton placed near the middle of the 227 teams by going 4-4. They needed a 5-3 record to advance to the elimination rounds that contain the top 64 teams. Being just one win away from making it further into the tournament left Newton a little disappointed.

"Not to be a bad sportsman, but I think I got ripped off a few times,"

he said. "Some of those judges are a lot different than the people we deal with around here."

"The people in California debate differently, and sometimes they make decisions that don't make sense."

Newton classified the trip as a bitter-sweet experience. He said the squad had fun meeting other debaters despite not leaving the hotel to see the attractions of San Diego.

"We also went through hell because the car we carry all of our evidence on was stolen the first day," Newton said. "So we had to carry eight boxes weighing at least 10 pounds each all over the cam-

pus. That was not very fun."

Even though Stuart Smart did not have a partner and was the odd man out on the trip, Marlow said he provided valuable help to the squad. The coach also said Smart gained exposure that will assist him in next year's tournament.

"Stuart told us what was going on so we could prepare for it," Newton said.

Marlow had a heart-to-heart meeting with his squad when it arrived in Joplin.

"I told them all thanks for making my first year here pretty successful and extremely enjoyable," he said.

With the debate season officially over, the squad will use the rest of the semester to research various arguments it wants to explore for the fall. Marlow said members may look into topics such as anthropocentrism, technology, and economic growth to get them geared toward the future. □

### SOUTHERN THEATRE

## Production to display 30s style

■ Guest director hopes audience grasps concept

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
STAFF WRITER

Although *Twelfth Night* is the title of the last production of Southern Theatre, April 19-22, its secondary title, *What You Will* may be more suitable.

"That was the catch phrase of the late 20s and early 30s that Cole Porter came up with," said Dr. Alex Pinkston, guest director from Davidson University.

The play centers around a 1930s night club, a departure from the original Shakespearean time frame.

"I don't think (Shakespeare purists) will have any qualms with where we put it or the addition of music, because music and dance are in Shakespeare's comedies anyway," Pinkston said.

"Only the purest of the purists will probably not like that we've



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

This sword-fighting scene between Antonio (Parris Smith) and Toby (Nathan Ball) will grace the stage during Alex Pinkston's direction of Shakespeare's play *Twelfth Night* appearing at Taylor April 19-22.

removed much of the topical humor of Shakespeare time."

The idea of doing a play by Shakespeare initially scared Elizabeth Lovland, senior music education major, but she became used to the style during rehearsals.

"I think it's more challenging because of the language," she said, "but as time went along it got a lot easier for me. I guess you get used to the mind-set of Shakespeare."

The language, without 17th century references, is the important part of the play, said Brandon Davidson, junior theatre major.

"Since we're doing this set in the 1930s, there are some similarities to other plays I've done," he said, "but we tried to keep the language the same."

"It's been interesting learning the

### 'TWELFTH NIGHT' FAST FACTS

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| WHAT:     | A romantic comedy of mistaken identity set in 1930s Illyria   |
| WHEN:     | April 19-22 at 7:30 p.m.  |
| WHERE:    | Taylor Performing Arts Center (625-3190)  |
| HOW MUCH: | For the general public, \$10 for children, high school students and senior citizens, and free for Southern students, faculty, and staff |

verse, the way to say the Shakespeare lines. We spent the first rehearsal learning how to read Shakespeare and put it into phrases."

The play centers around a pair of twins, played by Lovland and Tim Kerr, with Lovland posing as a man to be near the man she loves.

"Finally, both are on the stage at the same time, and start to figure out what's going on," he said.

"Then they discover one another, and they try to discover proofs from

one another of who they really are."

Other cast members include David Waggoner as Orsino, Tim Kerr as Sebastian, Parris Smith as Antonio, Janet Rhodes as Maria, Nathan Ball as Toby, Liam Watts as the sea captain, T.R. Hanrahan as Fabiano, Matt Morris as Malvolio, Tammy Barnett as Olivia, Max Tinsley as Valentine and an officer, Jeremy Miller as Curio and an officer, and Stephen Kenny as a clown. □

### MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Friends' refreshes audiences

By WILLIAM GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

Do you remember the good old days? Friends were friends, love was true, and life was simple.

A new film, *Circle of Friends*, brings a taste of the old world onto the modern-day screen.

*Circle of Friends* takes place in the 1940s in post-World War II Ireland. The story that begins with the lives of three friends—Bennie, Eve, and Nan—takes us through a 17-year period of their lives to 1957.

When the three girls are ready for college, they face many changes. Bennie, played by Minnie Driver, is the heavy-set one of the three girls. Her family wants her to grow up, but not too quickly. Her best friend, Eve, takes this growing journey with Bennie. Eve was raised by the local parish after her parents died when she was young. Nan was forced, at a young age, to move away and leave her dear friends behind.

*Circle of Friends* is a refreshing, innocent portrayal of love and life. I found the lack of nudity and obscene use of language to be a rebirth of past film productions. The creators displayed a knowledge of what new love is like and that sex should not be taken lightly. It's about time! □

### FINISHING UP



DAN WISZKON/The Chart

Terese Mlakar, freshman art major from Sweden, cleanses her brush before applying the final touch to her creation for print-making class.

### SOUTHERN THEATRE

## New classes to merge art, music

■ Class projects, 'Camelot' to unite two departments

By JENNIFER RUSSELL  
STAFF WRITER

Two new courses, Musical Theatre and Eastern Theatre Tradition, are on the agenda for Missouri Southern's theatre department next fall.

Musical Theatre is a long time in coming, according to Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head.

"Bud (Clark) and I have been trying, since he came, to have the music and theatre departments come together for a production," Fields said. "This year, we are joining forces in two different projects. One is *Camelot*, the other is the Musical Theatre class."

Fields said he is excited about the two departments working together.

"Most places I've worked, the music and theatre department don't really gel. One of the things that will make this work is that there are people involved I want to work with."

Clark, Southern's choral director, said it's a good step for the two

departments and the College.

"There's always some give and take, kind of a power play with music and theatre departments," he said. "With everybody's expertise, it will probably help bridge the gap."

The new class, team-taught by Clark, Fields, and Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, adjunct theatre instructor, is an experiment for both the music and theatre departments.

"The students will sometimes meet with all three of us, and sometimes meet separately, depending on the work," Fields said. "Each student will work on a particular musical, then each student will present a solo number, a duet from the show, and then a group scene."

Both Fields and Clark agree the class is essential to music and theatre education majors.

"I'm glad to see it happen," Clark said. "Education majors never have any kind of experience with musical theatre. Someday, they will. They can get an idea what to

expect, not only from a directing point, but from the performance side of it as well."

Another class offering by Southern Theatre is Eastern Theatre Tradition, also a team-taught course. Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant

professor and coordinator of the course, believes it will be fruitful for theatre majors.

"(Oriental actors) have such a finite approach with positions of the body, as well as spirituality," she said. "It

seems as though the eastern performers have a different approach to performance that we in western culture could benefit from."

Warned against the structure of the team-taught class, Kluthe said organizing this class took some work.

"Getting used to one teacher is hard enough," she said. "To allow this course to happen, the professors decided I should coordinate it. I'm responsible for the syllabus, tests, and the ongoing evaluation of students on a daily basis." □

"I'm glad to see it happen."

Bud Clark  
Music instructor

## HORSEING AROUND



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales made their first appearance in Joplin since 1978 at Northpark Mall yesterday. Their appearance is one of approximately 300 made by three traveling groups of horses.

## CHARITY ORGANIZATION

## Program helps neighbors

■ Christmas In April makes repairs on homes for disabled, low-income, senior citizens

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
STAFF WRITER

It often seems the spirit of Christmas goes out the door each year with the dried and wilted tree. One volunteer group in Joplin will revive that spirit on Saturday, April 29.

Christmas in April is an annual one-day blitz to repair the homes of elderly, handicapped, or low-income homeowners.

Established nationally in 1988, the non-profit organization began in Joplin in 1991.

"We've done roofs, plumbing, electric, painting—everything from A to Z," said Rosalind West, executive director. "Our only limit is what can be done in one day."

A typical work force may have 20 volunteers, five of whom are skilled laborers.

Jackie Taylor, 118 N. Gray, was a Christmas in April recip-

ient last year. This week she planted flowers in front of her porch to further beautify her home.

"We had about 15 people working," she said. "They rebuilt the porch, put on a new roof, installed new siding, put new flooring in the bathroom, and enclosed the heater."

Taylor heard about the volunteer program on television and wrote a letter explaining her need.

Application to the program does not require complicated paperwork.

Churches, community organizations, and service groups also refer houses for consideration.

A committee determines which houses are selected based on eligibility, need, and financial feasibility.

"We work free of charge," West said. "Materials are

donated by local businesses or purchased with funds donated to Christmas in April."

The average cost of materials per renovation is \$3,000.

Volunteers will work on two houses this year.

"We have about 36 volunteers so far," West said. "Six of those are from the Social Science Club at Missouri Southern."

Community members who volunteer are enthusiastic, she said, but she wishes more people would participate.

"We really appreciate what they did for us," Taylor said. "Neighbors used to help neighbors. If more people were like that today, we would have a better society."

For information about the Christmas in April program, persons may contact West at 782-0055. □

Jackie Taylor  
Christmas in  
April recipient

## CLASS PROJECT

## Carthage students build, race sun-powered vehicle

■ School plans to enter solar car in Winston Solar Challenge held in Dallas, Texas

By TONYA PRINCE  
STAFF WRITER

Some people wear shades to block the sun, while others are busy looking at the sun's ability to power vehicles.

A team of 25 Carthage High School students and two teachers are working on a solar car named, "Al Sole." The name means "in the sun" in Latin.

In August the student/teacher team is entering a solar car in the Winston Solar Challenge held in Dallas, Tx.

"Imagine a car powered solely by sunlight," said Art Boyt, Missouri Alternative and Renewable Energy Technology (MARET) Center director, Crowder College. "Then think of reducing friction and aerodynamic drag to a minimum and you may have a car that can travel at 50 mph on the power it takes to

operate a hand-held hair dryer."

The project began when interested students got together and formed a fund-raising committee.

"We went before the businesses and discussed cost, time, benefits, and other things like that," said Caleb Browning, member of the fund-raising committee.

The business community decided to financially support the project.

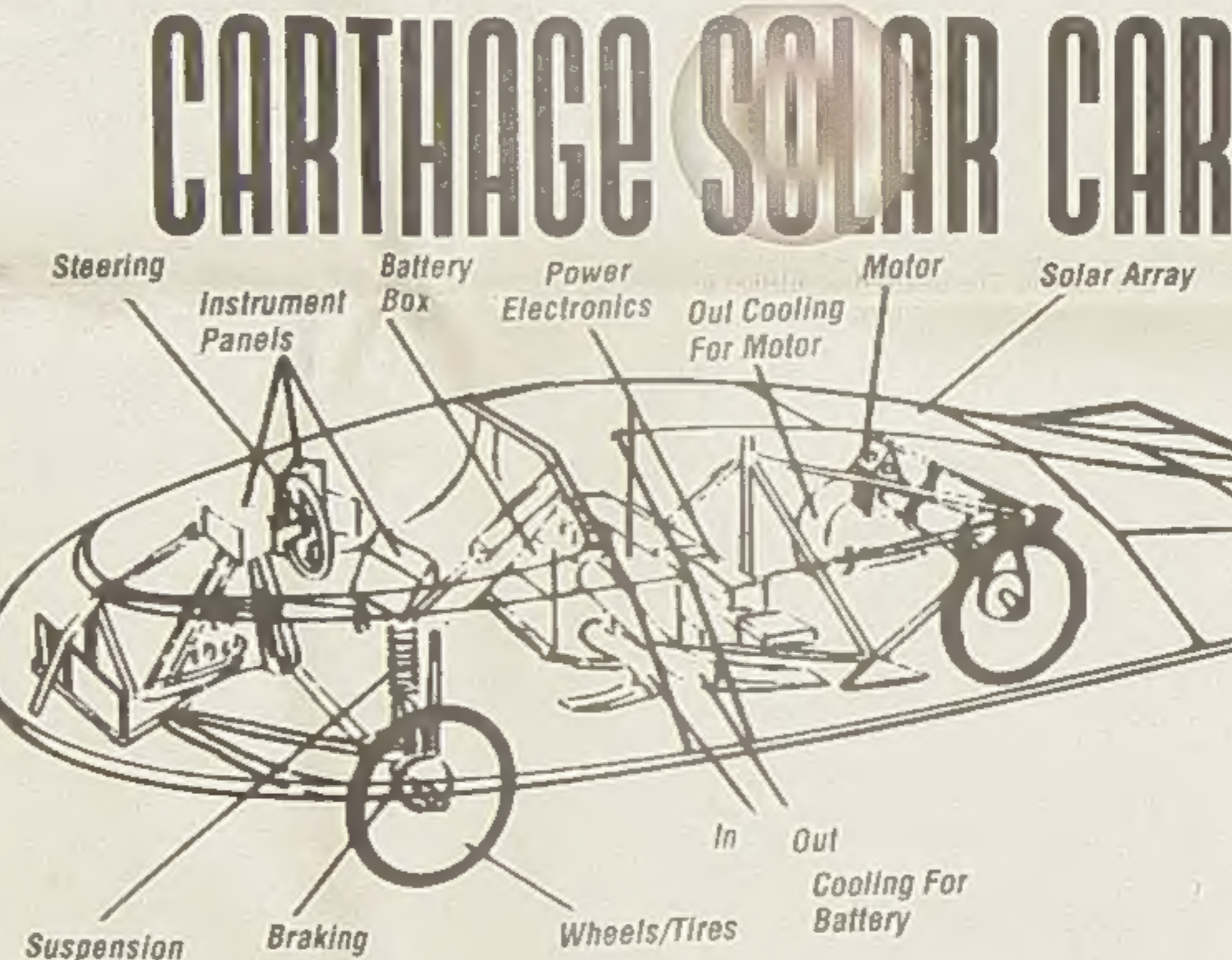
Wayne Christian, Carthage physics teacher, and Marion Wood, electronics teacher, believe many benefits will come from building the solar car. Hands-on experience tops the list of benefits.

"It is a method where students apply what they learn in a practical situation," Wood said.

The project also presents a unique opportunity for the community to become involved and see the importance of learning and team effort.

Students use applied problem solving, enjoy teacher-student relationships, and make new friends with other classmates while working on the vehicle. Each student concentrates on a different aspect of the car.

"There is a panel of around 111 students, and each has their own little part to talk about," said Tiffany



Swoveland, chairwoman of the fund-raising committee.

"It's nice to build a solar car, but it

also has a purpose as well," Christian said.

The value of the project relates to

how much each person contributes his or her individual talents.

"We give students opportunities

they will not forget," said Bruce Burk of St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont.

Burk won first place in the 1993 American Tour de Sol.

"We had students who did something no other high school has ever done," he said.

The Carthage team is the only one in the Midwest which plans to participate in a project of this magnitude.

"I hope to win the Winston Solar Challenge," Swoveland said, "even though we are the only high school in the Midwest competing."

Groups funding the solar car project include the Helen Spradling-Boylan Foundation, Carthage Water and Electric, Steadley Company, Car-Mar Incorporated, ICI Explosives, Cloud's Meat Processing and Smoking, Leggett and Platt, and Hawker Electric.

Steve Montague is among the list of individual contributors. □

## MEDICINE

## Doctors use Chinese technique

■ Chiropractor says acupuncture is an effective way to stay healthy, heal aches

By VICKI STEELE  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Did you know that rubbing a "boo-boo" is a form of acupuncture?

This is due to the fact that acupuncture points are being massaged or manually stimulated, according to Patricia Thompson, M.S., D.C.

"I would treat most patients with acupuncture, but there is some resistance to the idea," Thompson said. "Some people are needle-shy and they balk, but once a patient tries acupuncture they are sold on it."

Thompson, a chiropractor in Carthage, said some people are startled by the idea of acupuncture because the practice is often associated with large needles. She added that it is a system of healing, not a technique, that necessarily refers to needles.

"At first, I thought maybe acupuncture was all in the mind until I heard the technique was used on animals," she said. "You

can't hypnotize a horse or a dog."

Thompson said she commonly uses acupuncture to treat patients with substance addictions, weight control, or pain. Acupuncture is also used to treat arthritis, hypertension, and diabetes.

"I try very hard to educate people that this is for health maintenance," Thompson said. "Most people wait until they are sick, but the holistic approach toward wellness is to maintain health rather than neglecting it until they become symptomatic."

"In ancient China, doctors received a stipend or salary from patients as long as everyone stayed healthy. The minute people had symptoms the doctors' salaries were cut off completely until people were well again."

Chinese doctors were skilled at detecting the first symptoms of any disease or illness, she added.

"My sister-in-law, Dr. Yun Sheng, is a Chinese doctor," said Dr. Kexi Liu, director of the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy. "She uses acupuncture at the clinic where she works in China."

Acupuncture is based on the idea that the body is electromagnetic and has 12 paired meridians. The meridians are more active than other pressure points.

These points correlate to various

internal organs. Certain points can be stimulated, massaged, or rubbed to make a change in the body.

"Think of a sore point, bee sting, wound, or lesion, as if it were a dragon," Thompson said. "You use needles to make a fence around the 'dragon,' and this is called 'surrounding the dragon.'"

The needles vary in length up to six inches long, but are generally about two-and-a-half inches from tip to top. The needles are slender, approximately the diameter of a human hair, and are solid—not hollow like a hypodermic needle.

Needles are left in for 10-12 minutes to stimulate the pressure points on the body.

Thompson said generally for correction of pain, repeat treatments are scheduled until the pain is gone.

"When I was young, I tried acupuncture to see if it would cure nearsightedness, but it didn't work for that," Liu said.

Thompson said medical, osteopathic, and chiropractic doctors with a separate certification are the only persons who can obtain licensing to practice acupuncture.

"It's much easier to maintain health rather than repair health," she said. □

## JAYCEES SPONSOR EASTER EGG HUNT



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Benjamin Evans, 20 months, searched for Easter eggs at the annual Joplin Jaycee Easter egg hunt Sunday at Schifferdecker Park. About 1,200 plastic eggs, filled with prizes and candy, were spread on the playground area around shelter three. The Easter Bunny was available for pictures with the children.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# Missions bill, Webster on House agenda

## State considers budgeting remainder of Webster loan

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The House Budget Committee voted unanimously Monday to include an additional \$958,830 to higher education appropriations in order to repay Missouri Southern for Webster Hall.

During the first three years after the College asked for the building, the General Assembly appropriated \$1.3 million in base funding. After that, College officials asked for the rest of the money to finish the building, but the state's budget was tight.

"The agreement was that we would take out a loan and then the legislature would reimburse us for the loan the following year," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. That was four years ago.

Last year, the House passed a bill that included \$2.6 million for repayment, which would have completed the reimbursement. Unfortunately, \$608,879 was cut after debate in the Senate.

If it gets through both houses, the money that was cut by the Senate plus almost \$350,000 in interest would be paid to the College.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said the bill's fate in the Senate is still up in the air.

"It will get passed out if [Sen. Marvin] Singleton (R-Seneca) can hold it when it goes to budget [committee]," he said.

College President Julio Leon said he didn't expect the same problems the bill encountered last year, partly because of the unanimous committee vote. □

## Revival of Southern's international mission takes big step today

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern's vision of an international mission is beginning to get its second wind.

The House Budget Committee will vote today whether to send the bill back to the floor, where it fell 13 votes short last week.

This time, though, it won't have any baggage.

"This means that the bill will be considered as it was originally introduced," College President Julio Leon said. "There seems to be more controversy over SMS (Southwest Missouri State) and also Central [Missouri]."

SMSU's mission, CMSU's mission, and a measure to include Linn Technical College with Missouri junior colleges were all separate bills that were glued with Southern's bill, which already includes a mission enhancement for Missouri Western.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) is one legislator who believes the added weight created confusion, causing the bill to be voted down.

Burton said he thinks the legislation will have a better chance if it is isolated from the larger universities.

"I think it has enough votes to pass [out of budget]," Burton said. "Hopefully we'll get support when it gets back to the floor."

If the mission bill passes, Southern would be able to offer a master's degree in accounting, reduce its part-time faculty and student-teacher ratio, and improve its computer technology. Of course, the College would have an international emphasis.

The bill's main opposition in the House is Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia). Burton said Jacob is trying to protect as much funding for the University of Missouri as possible.

"A lion's share of the money goes to MU," Burton said. "Politically is where the money goes."

Part of the problem could lie in the formula used by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), of which enrollment used to play a much larger part.

For instance, between 1982 and 1993

MU saw an increase in its average percentage of dollars per student. In 1982, MU received 128 percent of the average money allotted per student at four-year institutions. In 1993, the percentage rose to 140 percent, even though MU's enrollment dropped 11 percent.

Missouri Southern's enrollment, on the other hand, increased more than 31 percent between 1982 and 1993, but the percentage per student dropped to 56 percent '93 from 67 percent '82.

One circulating rumor suggests that the state colleges combine, making a Missouri State University system. Rep. Ken Legan (R-Halfway) said he believes an MSU system is inevitable.

"I think it's going to come sooner or later," Legan said. "The system we have now isn't working."

Legan said if an MSU system were to be developed, a governing board would take over for the CBHE.

"The CBHE was designed to keep turf wars from happening, and it's not doing that," he said.

Burton said he wouldn't support an MSU system.

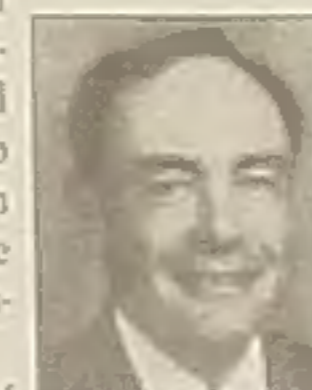
"It would get us away from local control," he said.

Leon agreed.

"I think it's a bad idea in this day and age when the whole world is decentralizing," Leon said. "Why would you want to do it?" □



Burton



Legan

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### AMCBHE scheduled at Lincoln University

Lincoln University will be joined by 12 other Missouri institutions of higher education as it presents the fifth Annual Missouri Conference on Blacks in Higher Education (AMCBHE) April 20-22.

"This year's theme, 'Education for Survival,' clearly states the mission of the conference," said Dr. O.C. Bobby Daniels, AMCBHE chair and Lincoln's vice president for student affairs. "The sessions will center on diversification of classroom curriculum and taking education beyond the campus."

To kick off the conference on April 20, a select group of college and university administrators will discuss successful African American recruitment and retention.

"On Saturday, April 22, all of the sessions are geared toward students," Daniels said. "Student breakout sessions include explaining career options, selecting mentors, setting career goals, and many more student issues." □

### SMS instructor hosts trip to Rome, Italy

A Southeast Missouri State University instructor has founded "Operafestiva di Roma," a not-for-profit organization designed to recruit U.S. students, faculty, and professionals for a month-long educational and cultural experience during the summer in Rome.

Dr. Louisa Panou-Takahashi, assistant professor of voice, began developing the idea last August after returning from Rome, where she worked with a similar program.

"We found this to be a good, solid business idea," said Buz Sutherland, director of the Small Business Development Center at Southeast. "This is a good business that fills a niche. It provides a good opportunity for music faculty and students in their discipline."

The program will focus on educating young American musicians and introducing them to European music and culture. Students will also participate in Italian language classes.

Three students from Southeast are among the 65 participants already enrolled in the program, scheduled from June 21 to July 20. Sponsors may cover the full cost of participation by the Southeast students. □

### Panel discusses 'The Bell Curve'

The Southwest Missouri State University Sociology Club is sponsoring a panel discussion and open forum on the controversial book *The Bell Curve* at 7 p.m. April 25 in the Campus Union Ballroom.

Panelists will be Dr. William Wedenoja, SMSU anthropology professor; the Rev. Dorothy Patrick, pastor of Benton Ave. A.M.E. Church; Dr. William Larkin, SMSU sociology professor; and Dr. David Stockburger, SMSU psychology professor.

*The Bell Curve*, published last year, asserts that IQ is the key factor determining a person's socioeconomic success. Dr. Tim Knapp, the faculty sponsor of SMSU's Sociology Club, says this thinking is contrary to the majority of scholarly opinion.

"Most social scientists feel that other factors, such as social class, background, and unequal opportunities, are also extremely important determinants of one's success," Knapp said. □

### Trio of Northwest employees honored

Three longtime Northwest Missouri State University faculty members will be honored during a retirement reception tomorrow.

Dr. George English, professor of government; Dale Midland, assistant professor of English; and Pat Mitch, assistant professor of human environmental sciences; will each be recognized from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. □

## Missourians giving 'intellectual input'

# Americans with Disabilities Act

## Disabled Missourians testify for ADA document

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Disabled Missourians testified in Jefferson City yesterday for a document that will include stories from all over the nation about the effects of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Governor's Council on Disability sponsored the event, which was also used to examine the statewide impact of ADA.

Jim Tuscher, chairman of the GCD, said the ADA has had drastic effects on the disabled.

"This is historic landmark legislation," said Tuscher, who gets around in a wheelchair that reads "Iron Horse" on the side. "No other country on Earth has had a law passed that guarantees the rights and opportunities of people with disabilities like the ADA."

The document, which will include testimonies from all 50 states, will be presented to President Clinton and Congress in observance of the ADA's fifth anniversary.

Forty-nine million Americans with disabilities contribute significantly to the U.S. economy as consumers, workers, and citizens. The disabled population in Missouri is almost 950,000, according to Candace Hawkins, director of the GCD.

"This is a chance to show our successes," said Hawkins, who is also disabled. "This greatly improves the people's lives with little cost. They are able to go to the park and participate in activities with their families."

"It doesn't cost a whole lot to give people a chance."

LL Gov. Roger Wilson was the keynote speaker at the event.

"I am appreciative of a country that will take the time to do this," Wilson said. "Somebody has to write the document to give a baseline for what you represent."

"Having a form gets us 50 percent of the way there. Good intellectual input will get us the rest of the way."

Tuscher, a former lobbyist, said the ADA helps in three ways: it provides employment opportunities, it improves facilities, and it provides public accommodations.

"I used to have to carefully plan my trips to the Capitol so I could get back to St. Louis in time to go to the bathroom," he said. □



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

HIGHER EDUCATION

## CBHE search for new commish continues

### Board sees first resumes next week

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education will hold its third meeting regarding its search for a replacement for Commissioner Charles McClain Wednesday in Bolivar.

Jerrilynn Voss, chairman of the CBHE, said advertisements for the position have been placed, and the Board may get its first look at applications.

"We have not seen any applications yet," Voss said. "We are hoping we can have somebody by the time Dr. McClain leaves."

McClain was scheduled to retire last year, but the Board's inability to find a replacement kept him on for an additional year.

This year, the Coordinating Board went to an outside firm, hiring Korn/Ferry International to

recruit a suitable candidate.

One problem, Voss said, is salary. McClain refused to take pay raises during his stint as commissioner. His salary is \$75,000, much less than most of the state's college presidents are making.

"At this point, we are hoping to be able to offer a little bit more and attract some top-notch candidates," Voss said. "College presidents are making anything from \$125,000 [per year] on up."

Because McClain refused pay raises, Voss said it will be difficult to raise that figure substantially and make it more attractive.

"Looking back, we should have forced Dr. McClain to take a raise," Voss said.

Sen. Mike Lybyer (D-Huggins), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has been instrumental in helping obtain more funding for the project, Voss said.

"There will be some money," Lybyer said. "They will be able to get a good commissioner." □

## HALL OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS

# Joyce C. Hall ★★★★★★

## 'When you care enough to send the very best'

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Joyce Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards Inc., became the 15th inductee to the Hall of Famous Missourians Tuesday afternoon in Jefferson City.

Hall was born in David City, Neb., in 1891. He came to Kansas City when he was 18 and turned the mail-order post card business into the world's leading personal expression company.

During the 50 years as head of Hallmark, Hall initiated many new and important market strategies such as functional inventory, automatic reorder, and display control systems, which gave the company an automatic index of public taste. He also introduced self-service for greeting cards with his open display racks.

Hall created the Hallmark Hall of Fame, a continuing series of television specials which have won more Emmy awards than any other program on television. He



also developed the 85-acre Crown Center, a complex of shops, theaters, hotels, and offices surrounding Hallmark's world center in Kansas City.

Hall died in 1982. Hallmark is best known for its motto, "When you care enough to send the very best."

Hall's son, Donald, was the keynote speaker during the induction, opened by House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron).

"Dad wanted to give something

back to the community," Donald said. "Missouri has been good to dad, and it's been good to Hallmark."

Sculptor William J. Williams created the bust, as well as the other 14 busts displayed in the third-floor gallery. Williams explained why he leaves the edges of the sculptures unfinished.

"The human spirit continues to develop [after death]," he said. "I create an image. Not the image, an image."

Other inductees to the Hall of Famous Missourians include artist Thomas Hart Benton, educator Susan Elizabeth Blow, scientist George Washington Carver, writer Mark Twain, President Harry S. Truman, Sen. David Rice Atchison, Gen. Omar Bradley, composer Scott Joplin, film and animation pioneer Walt Disney, writer Laura Ingalls Wilder, Lewis and Clark interpreter Sacajawea, businessman J.C. Penney, saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Walker, and international star and human rights activist Josephine Baker. □

# College Life: A Few Things To Know



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"You never get bored in China."

## Being Chinese in America



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart  
Liang Fan Schwartz misses the rivers, mountains, and lakes of her native China because they provide more of an opportunity for hiking.

**■ Liang Fan Schwartz misses her home in the Far East, but she prefers the versatility of the American education system**

By MICHAEL MUNSTER  
CHART REPORTER

Getting used to the differences between the U.S. and China is a part of Liang Fan Schwartz's life.

"You never get bored in China," the senior psychology major said. "China offers more night activities. More places are open 24 hours there."

The mountains, rivers, and lakes of China make for more of an opportunity to go hiking, she said.

"Relationships in China are more sincere," Schwartz said. "People respect the elderly more in China. People are always busy in the U.S."

Schwartz, a native of Suzhou, China, came to Missouri Southern two years ago because she received a full scholarship. Before coming here, she attended Cottey College in Nevada, Mo.

She likes the U.S. educational system better, because students are allowed to take what they want and can decide on their major later. There is also more independence.

"There is more opportunity to

do whatever you want," Schwartz said.

She said people tend to stare at her, especially in small cities like Joplin. They also assume that she cannot speak English.

"Americans are narrow minded," she said. "They think they are better, and they are not. They are not willing to learn more about other countries. They also don't read enough."

In her spare time, Schwartz enjoys reading classics like *The Prince of Tides*. She has played the piano for two years. She also enjoys volleyball, tennis, and racquetball.

Schwartz likes to travel as well. She has been to Hawaii, San Francisco, Phoenix, Washington, D.C., Kansas City, and Chicago. Her favorite city was Honolulu.

She was married in December to Joel Schwartz, a psychiatrist in Baltimore.

Schwartz is involved in the International Club and works at KXMS.

She enjoys classical music, especially Tchaikovsky. She also has a beta, or Siamese fighting fish.

She said Dr. Linda Noel, her mathematics instructor, is "very relaxed and encourages us to try."

She said Dr. Brian Babbitt, her psychology instructor, is creative and broadens one's view.

Schwartz hopes to be an interpreter some day. □

### STUDENT HOBBIES



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

James Crossley, sophomore undecided major, helps Travis Berdine, Jr., from Sarcoxie High School, at a local Dickinson's movie theater.

## Southern sophomore enjoys collectibles

**■ Crossley's baseball card collection isn't the only part of his life that is growing**

By JEREMIAH TRIPP  
CHART REPORTER

When James Crossley first began collecting baseball cards, the packs contained bubble gum.

Crossley, a sophomore undecided major, still collects baseball cards. But he also has them for football, basketball, and hockey. His collection numbers more than 250,000.

"It's hard to say how I got started collecting," Crossley said. "I just picked up a few packs here and there."

His collection, worth an estimated \$9,000, is kept in boxes to keep the cards from getting damaged. The more valuable cards are kept in plastic holders. He also keeps a computerized inventory of every card.

"Every card is worth something," Crossley said. "Maybe only a nickel or maybe several hundred dollars."

"The baseball strike hasn't had a real effect on the card's value," he said. "Their worth went down some, but it always does during the off-season."

He gets his prices and card collecting information from *Beckett*. This magazine prints a separate monthly issue for each major

sport. The *Beckett*s have also become a collection item for Crossley.

"I have most of them," he said. "They have become worth some money also."

But collecting doesn't stop there for Crossley. He has quite a compact disc collection as well. It is a well-rounded collection, with music ranging from classical, country, heavy metal, pop, to others.

"I think my favorite to listen to would be Chopin," Crossley said. "I love classical piano music."

"I have discovered that the fifth song is usually a good one," he said. "Go through your tape or compact discs and look. I bet you will pick up on this, too."

A new twist in his life has been the arrival of a new brother and sister. His brother, Ralphie, is just over a year-and-a-half old.

"He can get on your nerves sometimes with his non-stop energy," Crossley said. "But he is my buddy."

Born three months ago, Crossley's sister Harley has provided a new challenge for him and his three brothers.

"My mom finally got the girl she always wanted," he said. "But we had to get new clothing for her (Harley)."

For Crossley, the card and compact disc collection continue to grow. But he hopes his family won't.

"It's already hectic enough at home," he said. "But I enjoy the little ones and all the joy they can give you." □

### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## Home schooling gives freshman head start

**■ Learning at home allows Agee to tackle college work at age 17**

By APRIL BURR  
CHART REPORTER

Tonia Agee, communications major, credits home schooling for being able to start college at such a young age. Agee is a second-semester freshman but is only 17.

Her parents pulled her out of public schools when she was 9.

They decided to home-school her because the school their four children were attending was academically two years behind their previous school.

Her father taught her and her siblings for the first year, and her mother taught the following years and contin-

ues to teach her younger brothers and sisters.

"It's absolute torture the first year, for the parents as well as the students," Agee said.

Her home school was similar to public schools in that a 10-minute break was provided between each subject and that the basics were taught as well as electives.

"My elective was home economics," Agee said. "I love doing things around the house."

To be a home-school teacher, one must have a high school diploma or GED, although college helps. Both of Agee's parents have a junior-year college education. To help get a better understanding of home schooling, they subscribed to magazines and books on the subject.

Agee said her mother requires a 90 percent to pass tests and makes her children redo incorrect work until the

material is learned.

"I loved home school, but it's hard work," she said.

According to Missouri law, parents can give a high school diploma to children by age 16.

As far as entering college, Agee obtained her GED in November 1993 "just to be on the safe side."

"My first semester at Missouri Southern was tough," she said, adding that this semester seemed easier. "I had to learn to take notes from lectures and learn the different personality traits of teachers," she said.

Agee said the only thing she missed being home-schooled was the peer pressure.

"I didn't miss my friends, because my house was the one everyone came to when the public schools let out," she said.

Agee anticipates graduation in 1997 or 1998. □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Tonia Agee, freshman communications major, visits with Dr. Carolyn Yocum about her coursework.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## Doing time convinced Davis that crime only pays policemen

**■ Football player gets second chance to shine at Southern**

By PARRIS SMITH  
CHART REPORTER

While in jail for using a stolen credit card, junior criminal justice major Myron Davis looked at life from a different perspective.

"What was only a 21-day sentence seemed like eternity," he said.

"I will never go back to jail unless falsely accused. I don't see how anyone can serve a five- or 10-year sentence."

Davis came to Missouri Southern in the fall of 1993 on a football scholarship.

Raised in Las Vegas, he played junior college football at Dixie College in St. George, Utah, where he was a Blue Chip All-American and ranked one of the top 100 players in the country.

Davis was highly recruited by sev-

eral universities, including Arizona, Arizona St., Virginia, Washington St., and Texas A&M. He signed a scholarship with Arizona St., but when he

did not receive his associate's degree, he was not able to attend. Due to an NCAA rule, a player not receiving his associate's degree from the junior college is not eligible to play Division I football.

Bill Cooke, Southern assistant football coach, still saw a young man who deserved another chance.

"Cooke gave me a chance, but said if I got into any trouble I was gone," Davis said.

Compared to Southern, he said Dixie had great campus life. "Nobody wanted to go home; everybody wanted to be together," he said.

What he least likes about Southern

is that most students go home after classes and there are not enough activities in Joplin.

"After living in Las Vegas, Joplin is just too slow for me," Davis said.

**“(Bill) Cooke [assistant football coach] gave me a chance, but said if I got into any trouble I was gone.”**

**Myron Davis  
Junior criminal  
justice major**

Anna, while attending Dixie. "She has been with me through the thick and thin," he said. "I had to spend the rest of my life with her."

Football was a main priority in his

life, and he wanted someone to support him in his final season.

He says married life has its ups and downs, but he loves coming home to his wife everyday.

"Being married is nothing but a serious girlfriend with financial matters," Davis said.

What he likes about Southern is the criminal justice department. His favorite instructor is Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the department.

"Dr. Wolf is the first one who actually taught me something," he said. "I looked forward to going to his class."

Growing up, Davis was always fascinated by police officers and guns. He has always aspired to be a police officer.

"I want to interact and help people in the community," Davis said.

He said if he could live life over again he would have taken his grades more seriously and received his degree from Dixie.

"I know college is hard, but if you're here you might as well get a degree," Davis said. □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

After serving a 21-day sentence for using a stolen credit card, junior Myron Davis developed a fresh outlook on life from the experience.

## SOFTBALL &amp; BASEBALL

# Southern teams nationally ranked

## Lady Lions take 2 from SBU

■ Clarke, Trantham performances give No. 1 Southern 12-0 conference mark

By NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After two victories over Southwest Baptist University yesterday, the Lady Lions seem ready to pounce into the conference tournament in Shawnee, Kan., two weeks from now.

Ranked No. 1 in the country, the Lady Lions hold the best record in the conference at 12-0 and 33-3 overall. Missouri Southern won 9-0 and 7-2 in yesterday's doubleheader.

Southern jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning and kept going from there. Sophomore Amber Peterson was pleased with the day's performances.

"The bats were working well," Peterson said. "Andrea [Clarke] pitched a good game, and we played good defense. In the second game, Holly [Trantham] got into trouble, but she came back and pitched well."

Head coach Pat Lipira agreed with Peterson's analysis.

"I'm real happy with the way we played," Lipira said. "We got the bats going and had a good day."

Senior Andrea Clarke, the Lady Lions' top pitcher, remained in top form by allowing only two hits in her five innings of work. Clarke improved her record to 15-2, with her ERA falling from 0.56 to 0.53. Southern's No. 2 pitcher, sophomore Holly Trantham, saw her record climb to 17-1 with an ERA of 0.85.

Lipira believes the tandem has triggered Southern's 33-3 start.

"Andy and Holly have two completely different styles of pitching, but they complement each other well," Lipira said. "The key thing with them is who pitches against what teams. They each do well against different clubs."

Lipira said the No. 1 national ranking puts added pressure on the

team. She noted that players acquire a different attitude when they're ranked the best.

"I don't like being ranked," Lipira said. "They think we have to win; we have to do this and do that. That is a bad philosophy."

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Pat Lipira  
Head softball coach

The Lady Lion coach said the team just has to do the same things it has been doing all season to keep winning. She is quick to point out the ranking does not give Southern an automatic bid to the national tournament.

"Our goal is to get to the national tournament," she said. "It's going to take a good blend of hitting, pitching,

and defense to get there."

Southern will take the field tomorrow and Saturday in the Missouri Western Invitational at St. Joseph. On Wednesday the Lady Lions travel to Northeastern (Okla.) State University in Tahlequah. □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

In last weekend's action against SBU, Southern first baseman Chris Gold stretches for the ball Saturday at Joe Becker Stadium.

## Lions' 14-2 record reigns king in South

■ Southern loses win streak to SBU, drops three spots in national rankings

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing the first three games, Southwest Baptist University finally put Missouri Southern's winning ways to a stop with a 10-8 victory Saturday in the final game of a four-game series at Joe Becker Stadium.

The Lions, who dropped in the national rankings to 15th, came into the final game riding a 11-game winning streak. Southern (36-7, 14-2 in the MIAA) has claimed 29 victories in its last 31 games.

SBU is fourth in the MIAA South Division with a 6-10 mark. The Bearcats are 14-23 overall.

Freshman shortstop Bobby Braeckel said he thought the Lions didn't come to play in Saturday's second game. Southern won the opener 9-4.

"I really don't think we were all there," Braeckel said. "There was no excuse for us losing that second game. This weekend if we don't take four out of four then we are still not in our full potential."

Southern's junior right-hander Dwight Walters tallied his third

victory of the season in the opening game.

Walters allowed only one earned run, on four hits in seven innings of work. Walters struck out six and walked two.

In the second game, Southwest Baptist, down by five runs after two innings, crawled back into the contest with a three-run homer from designated hitter Jack Funderburk.

The Bearcats' Grady Goodwyn pitched more than five innings of solid relief and shut down Southern's potent offense.

Southern's Bryce Darnell knocked three hits for the Lions, while Chris Gold and Tony Curro had two singles apiece in a losing effort.

Braeckel said many members of the Southern squad, including head coach Warren Turner, took the loss as a wake-up call.

"We need to show up this weekend with our heads in the game," he said. "Not everybody showed up with their head in the game against SBU. Maybe we were getting our heads too high. All in all, I think Coach wanted us to lose, to show it can happen."

Poor weather cancelled four games on the Lions' conference schedule yesterday and Tuesday.

Southern will travel to Lincoln University in Jefferson City for a four-game series tomorrow and Saturday. Lincoln is 14-24 overall and 5-10 in the MIAA South Division. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Southern sophomore pitcher Holly Trantham winds up yesterday against Southwest Baptist at Southern.

## TRACK &amp; FIELD

## PSU Relays allows rivals to square off

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was five years in the making, but this season was the first time Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State squared off in track and field.

The Gorillas, who conducted the relays yesterday, defeated the Lions 67-45 at Prentice Gudgen Track.

Southern head coach Tom Rutledge said he was happy to see the two teams tangle but had hoped his squad would surprise the Gorillas.

"A dual meet helps the kids to keep in tune during the middle of the week," he said. "We cut down on the events and ran people in spots they are not used to running."

Southern's James Thrash placed second in the 100-meter dash behind PSU's Sean Scott.

In the 200-meter dash, the Lions placed two runners in the top four. Thrash placed third with a time of 21.97, and Scott Tarnowiecki finished fourth at 23.06.

The Lions' Paul Baker snatched first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.78.

Rutledge said he was impressed with his young squad but still sees room for improvement.

"We did real well," he said. "Our relays keep getting better and better. People like Thrash ran real decent. All in all, we competed real well, but just got out-muscled by PSU."

Southern pole vaulter David Groves no-heighted in his event, which Rutledge said did not help matters.

"When things like that happen we can't expect to win," he said. □

## LETTERS OF INTENT

## Southern gobbles up 5 recruits

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Five area high school students put their John Hancock on national letters of intent to take part in Missouri Southern athletics next fall.

Joplin High School's 6-foot-4, 200-pound senior forward Brian Taylor inked his letter of intent to be a member of the Lions' basketball squad for the 1995-96 season. Taylor received all-conference, all-district, all-area, and all-state honors this year.

Taylor, who averaged 18.7 points and eight rebounds his senior year, said he chose Southern for two reasons. He said he was impressed with the College's sports medicine program and thought head coach Robert Corn and assistant coach Mike Wilson were "both outstanding coaches."

"I feel really good about it (signing)," he said. "I am really looking forward to playing at Southern next fall. I want to go in there and do what I can to help. I guess I am just look-

ing to fill the loose ends."

Corn said Taylor will provide some excitement in the program because of his offensive explosiveness and hometown ties.

"Taylor is an outstanding prospect we are excited to have in our program," he said. "He is a local player who we feel has his best basketball years in front of him."

Along with Taylor, Corn picked 6-2, 168-pound junior guard Herman Clay, who will transfer from Forest Park Community College in St. Louis.

Clay is a graduate of Riverview Gardens High School, where he earned all-conference, all-district, all-area, and all-state and helped the Rams to a state title his junior season.

Corn said Forest Park players have played key roles for the Lions in the past, and he sees nothing different concerning Clay.

"Forest Park has been very good in Southern over the years, and Clay will be our fourth player coming over," Corn said. "Clay is an outstanding shooter who averaged 24

points in his sophomore season [at Forest Park]. He will provide experience at the guard position."

On the women's hoop side, head coach Scott Ballard picked up two senior guards yesterday—Chara Oldfield, from Adrian High School, and Mandy Olson, a Neosho High School product. Olson could also fill a role at forward with her 5-9 height.

"I feel confident about my decision," Olson said. "I felt real comfortable with the players and the coaching staff. They seemed real defensive-minded and intense."

Oldfield was a four-time all-conference, three-time all-district, and two-time all-area and all-state selection during her time at Adrian.

Olson finished her career at Neosho with 1,146 points. She led the Lady Wildcats this season, averaging 13.1 points per game and shooting 49 percent from the floor.

Basketball was not the only sport which picked up recruits.

The Lady Lion tennis squad, under head coach Jill Fisher, snatched Neosho High School senior Tracie Poore. □

## SPORTS COLUMN

## Ode to my basketball superman

Dear Mike,  
You haven't lost your touch.

Just when we were ready to let you go forever, you've come back to prove that there has never been a basketball player the likes of you.

It was truly exhilarating seeing you back on the court. Even in your first game back we could see your charisma and leadership taking center stage, as in every game you've ever played. Your skills are unmatched and seemingly unreachable for any human being.

Your return has had a profound effect on big-time athletics. I was starting to think professional athletes, including you, were playing sports for the money. But watching you make your comeback has made me reconsider my opinion about the future of sports. As long as the game has someone like you, it will be safe.

Some of us, as fans, felt betrayed when you left the NBA in 1993. I grew up admiring the pure will and determination of Magic, who wouldn't give up the game even though he had a terminal disease. He was forced out.

My own sense of betrayal never became a reality, though. As I see it, you were also forced out by family problems and uncertainty about the future.

You had the game, and the world, in the palm of your hand. But your retirement was good for basketball because it allowed the rest of the league to gain on you. Of course, the game won't catch up to you for decades.

I predicted your return in a column in October 1993. My exact words, "He'll be back." Upon your return you simply said, "I'm back." That was all we needed.

My reasoning for the prediction was probably the most truthful of clichés: "You don't know what you got 'til it's gone." Most only dream of becoming the best at something—at anything.

You have something that is virtually extinct in today's basketball players: Heart. That's why you came back, and that's why you are as good as ever. What people don't realize is that your heart is why you left the game in the first place.

Even if you had never come back, you'd done enough. You earned seven straight scoring titles, three NBA championships, Defensive Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and All-Star Game Most Valuable Player. But for you it's more than that. It's a love affair.

You left us, but now we're ready to let bygones be bygones. We all want to see you soar through the air with your legs flailing (not failing) about and tongue drooping out—scoring effortlessly.

I hope it's more of a challenge for you this time around. I'm sure it will be.

Truly yours,

*Lyndy Brown*

P.S. Just don't retire until you've accomplished all your goals. You're a hoopster, not a boxer. Also, write back. I could use a few tips on my virtually non-effective game.

“To play the game is great, to win the game is greater, but to love the game is greatest.”



Photo by Deborah Solomon/Graphic by Chris Lashley

Three years ago, Andrea Clarke won a national title, but after riding a wave of adversities into her senior year she has...

# One Last Chance

NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Andrea Clarke has had a roller-coaster career, winding through a national championship and the loss of her mother. But to Clarke, this season is her one last chance to win a national title. The senior pitcher is now 15-2 with a 0.56 ERA. With 82 career victories, she still hopes to reach 100 by the close of her final season. “My senior year, I wanted it to be one of my better seasons,” Clarke said. “I’d say one of my good seasons was my sophomore year, but I’m hoping to be better than that or to at least get here. I hope to do the best work or my team that I can.” As a sophomore, Clarke helped lead the Lady Lions to a national title in 1992 with a 31-2 record. She took a hardship redshirt in 1993, because her mother was dying of cancer. Clarke began playing softball

in elementary school. Her mother coached her team in the summers until she was 16. She credits her mother for getting her started playing softball. She said she played shortstop before she was interested in pitching. “We started pitching in the backyard,” Clarke said. “And I just got better each time we were doing it. She saw that I was naturally hitting spots when I didn’t necessarily have to hit those spots.”

Clarke said she still thinks of her mother during and after games. “After a game I think, if I didn’t do so well, it’s like ‘OK, mom what did I do wrong?’ She was always there to tell me what I did. When I was home with her, the team won the conference and she said, ‘Are you sure you made the right decision?’

And I said, ‘Yes, I did.’” Clarke says it was difficult to come back after sitting out a year, but she did it, learned from it, and is feeling more comfortable this season. Head softball coach Pat Lipira also said it was difficult for Clarke to come back and play. “When she came back, it took a

## Career on the Mound



|   |      |            |                 |
|---|------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Freshman season—1991</b>               |      |            |                 |
| Record...                                 | 21-6 | ERA...0.47 | Innings...177.6 |
| <b>Sophomore season—1992</b>              |      |            |                 |
| Record...                                 | 31-2 | ERA...0.83 | Innings...218.3 |
| <b>Junior season—1994</b>                 |      |            |                 |
| Record...                                 | 15-8 | ERA...1.16 | Innings...139   |
| <b>Senior season—as of April 12, 1995</b> |      |            |                 |
| Record...                                 | 15-2 | ERA...0.56 | Innings...107.3 |

long time for her to get back in,” Lipira said. “But she worked hard, like she always does, and successfully came back.”

Clarke says her favorite thing about softball is the team effort it takes to win. She enjoys the fact that it is a team sport.

“I think we have a lot of fun together, and I think we all have one goal in mind,” she said. “We all see the better points in everybody, and our goal is to get where we can go—to the national tournament.”

It is obvious Clarke loves the game of softball. She quoted a theme the team has been using throughout the season: “To play the game is great, to win the game is greater, but to love the game is greatest.”

The senior pitcher says aside from one of the school colors

being her favorite, Lipira was one of the deciding factors in her coming to Missouri Southern.

“She really knows the game of softball,” Clarke said. “I’m glad I came here. I really can’t think of a better coach I would want to play college softball with.”

“I went and watched them play a game, and I saw the way Coach Lipira coached the team, the discipline, and the way the players acted,” she said. “They liked to have fun. That’s what the game of softball is all about, and it makes it more enjoyable. I liked the coach and decided that is who I wanted to play softball for.”

Lipira has been equally impressed with Clarke. She said a quest for a second national title is not the only thing driving Clarke this season.

“It is more the title; I think she wants to feel satisfied with her performance,” Lipira said. “If we make it, then that is just icing on the cake.”

“She has been a tremendous

asset to Southern. She has led by example, through the time and effort she has put in. She really works at everything. I can’t say enough good about Andrea Clarke; we are fortunate to have her through four years.”

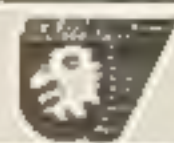
Sophomore infielder Amber Peterson agrees with coach Lipira. She has enjoyed playing with Clarke and says she has learned from her.

“She is a very hard worker,” Peterson said. “She is a leader and is fun to play with. She helps keep us all up and keeps us in the game.”

After college, Clarke hopes to be accepted into a pharmaceutical school. She received her bachelor of science degree in biology in December and is finishing her minor in chemistry this semester. If she is not accepted to a pharmaceutical school, she says she will return to Illinois and take classes in secondary education and teach biology or chemistry. □



## SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD



### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

#### Lions Baseball

**Tomorrow**—Southern at Lincoln University, 1 p.m.

**Saturday**—Southern at Lincoln University, 1 p.m.

**Tuesday**—Southern at Washburn University, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday**—Southern at Emporia State, 3 p.m.

#### Lady Lions Softball

**Tomorrow & Saturday**—Missouri Western Invitational, TBA.

**Wednesday**—Southern at Northeastern (Okla.) State University, 3 p.m.

#### Lions Golf

**Today & Tomorrow**—Southern at Missouri Western Invitational.

### LIONS BASEBALL

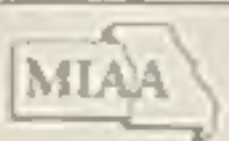


| 1995 Conference Standings (4-9) |       |         |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|--|
|                                 | Conf. | Overall |  |
| <b>North Division</b>           |       |         |  |
| 1. Central Missouri             | 15-1  | 30-8    |  |
| 2. Washburn                     | 10-6  | 24-12   |  |
| 3. Northwest Missouri           | 10-6  | 17-15   |  |
| 4. Missouri Western             | 8-8   | 15-18   |  |
| 5. Emporia State                | 4-12  | 18-15   |  |
| 6. Northeast Missouri           | 1-13  | 6-29    |  |
| <b>South Division</b>           |       |         |  |
| 1. Missouri Southern            | 14-2  | 36-7    |  |
| 2. Missouri-St. Louis           | 12-4  | 25-9    |  |
| 3. Pittsburg State              | 9-7   | 20-17   |  |
| 4. Southwest Baptist            | 6-10  | 14-23   |  |
| 5. Lincoln                      | 5-10  | 14-24   |  |
| 6. Missouri-Rolla               | 1-14  | 12-24   |  |



| Lions Stats     |      |      |  |
|-----------------|------|------|--|
|                 | Avg. | RBIs |  |
| <b>Batting</b>  |      |      |  |
| Tony Curro      | 452  | 46   |  |
| Rod Litzow      | 429  | 1    |  |
| Brad Morris     | 418  | 15   |  |
| Bryce Darnell   | 388  | 38   |  |
| Matt Steele     | 341  | 7    |  |
| <b>Pitching</b> |      |      |  |
| Rob Spokin      | 3-0  | 0.93 |  |
| Ben Harvey      | 1-0  | 1.29 |  |
| Dana Morris     | 5-0  | 3.00 |  |
| Bill Helms      | 3-1  | 3.68 |  |
| Scott Wright    | 6-2  | 3.93 |  |

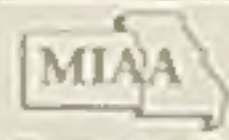
### LADY LIONS SOFTBALL



| 1995 Conference Standings (4-9) |       |         |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|--|
|                                 | Conf. | Overall |  |
| <b>North Division</b>           |       |         |  |
| 1. Central Missouri             | 8-2   | 27-8    |  |
| 2. Emporia State                | 5-3   | 16-8    |  |
| 3. Washburn                     | 5-3   | 20-15   |  |
| 4. Northwest Missouri           | 3-5   | 20-12   |  |
| 5. Northeast Missouri           | 3-7   | 9-18    |  |
| 6. Missouri Western             | 0-4   | 11-14   |  |
| <b>South Division</b>           |       |         |  |
| 1. Missouri Southern            | 10-0  | 31-3    |  |
| 2. Pittsburg State              | 7-3   | 30-6    |  |
| 3. Missouri-St. Louis           | 5-5   | 31-23   |  |
| 4. Southwest Baptist            | 4-6   | 6-16    |  |
| 5. Missouri-Rolla               | 3-7   | 19-18   |  |
| 6. Lincoln                      | 1-9   | 6-20    |  |



| Lady Lions Stats |      |      |  |
|------------------|------|------|--|
|                  | Avg. | RBIs |  |
| <b>Batting</b>   |      |      |  |
| Shelly Lundin    | 435  | 88   |  |
| Melissa Grider   | 430  | 20   |  |
| Ginger Daniel    | 426  | 30   |  |
| Kim Wilson       | 345  | 10   |  |
| Jenni Jimerson   | 344  | 25   |  |
| Jennifer Fabro   | 333  | 0    |  |
| Misty Deaton     | 309  | 17   |  |
| <b>Pitching</b>  |      |      |  |
| Andrea Clarke    | 14-2 | .56  |  |
| Holly Tranterham | 15-1 | .77  |  |



### Players of the Week

**Baseball**—Hitter, Trent Babcock, SS, Pittsburg State. Pitcher, Bob Poissal, RHP, Central Missouri State.

**Softball**—Hitter, Wendy Simecka, C, Washburn University. Pitcher, Andrea Clarke, RHP, Missouri Southern.

**Track & Field**—Men’s track, Dinsdale Morgan, Pittsburg State. Men’s field, Jason Stuke, Emporia State. Women’s track, Susie Thomas, Central Missouri State. Women’s field, Tongula Walker, Missouri Southern.

**Tennis**—Men, Matt Watson, Washburn University. Women, Jennifer Vejvoda, Northeast Missouri State.

### INTRAMURALS

—4 on 4 Volleyball  
Play begins: 10:30 p.m. Tomorrow

—Triathlon  
Meet: Saturday

—Ping Pong Tournament  
Deadline: Tomorrow  
Rules Meeting: Monday, 3:30 p.m.

—Water Polo  
Deadline: Tomorrow  
Rules Meeting: Monday, 3 p.m.

—Team Track Meet  
Sign up begins: Monday  
Deadline: April 21

—2-Person Golf Scramble  
Sign up begins: April 17  
Deadline: April 28  
Tournament: May 3 or 4

Do you have a question for The Chart sports staff?

Do you have an opinion about Southern sports? Fax (625-9742), mail (3950 E. Newman Road), or deliver your comments to The Chart offices in Room 333 Webster Hall.



(Left) Erin Oglesby, sophomore art education major, chisels away in an attempt to make a work of art out of a block of stone. (Above) Senior art education major Mike Shelton welds a wire project together to create a physical image of self expression.

# What is this thing called

# ART?

Story by Dan Wiskon and Michael Davison  
Photos by Deborah Solomon

Just what exactly is art? Ask anyone, even art majors, this potentially overwhelming question and expect a variety of colorful responses.

Is art a window to one's imagination, or a transmission of ideas that only a select few can work into a tangible form? Surely Jim Bray, head of the art department, can shed some light on this inquiry.

"I wouldn't touch that question with a 10-foot pole!" he said. "I think artists and philosophers have been trying to answer that for centuries."

Art, by textbook definition, involves a creative effort that has unique meaning in the artist's mind. It is sometimes referred to as a gift human beings use as an outlet for personal visions and feelings.

"It's a very personal, subjective type of expression, and it's manifested in so many different ways," Bray said. "Maybe the most extraordinary aspect of it is that we all interpret it differently, and we each have a particular way of manifesting what we believe to be an art experience or an art form."

Bray believes art is a combination of many influences and personal feelings.

"I have to find out who Jim Bray is through the things I create," he said. "And as I begin to understand my mission as a creator, I learn a lot about myself."

"And as I told my students not an hour ago, for awhile I am what I make. That is so complex, so hard to state."

But what does art mean to a student artist?

Sophomore art major Matt Myers believes the only

time he is not performing an artful act is when he is sleeping. In addition to his classes at Southern, he also works in an art supplies store.

He admits that creating works of art on a regular basis can be financially draining.

"Art is like a really bad addiction," Myers said. "I spend about twice as much as I make on art supplies so I can keep doing it."

Though opinions vary among art majors, one definition does not outweigh another.

"Art is a religion," said Neil Baughman, freshman art major. "It's a balance between everything we know. It's almost too much to describe with just words."

But for Tom Edwards, graduate art student, art explores an inner necessity for expression, evidenced since the cave dwellers.

"Visual art is mankind, the history of man," Edwards said. "And to be able to participate in that is an opportunity to participate in history. It's apparently a need that human beings have, not a luxury that people can afford."

One of the pleasures of viewing a work of art is attempting to figure out what the artist was thinking at the time the piece was made.

One way of measuring a painting, drawing, or sculpture's power is the way it pulls the viewer in and demands a closer look.

Whether it's pure skill or just doodling on a sketch pad, art can be performed by everyone to some degree.

So what is this thing called art that impacts our everyday lives?

We may never know for sure. □



Junior art major Adonna Burton works on illustrating a children's book.



Adding the minute detail in art can be a tedious process, as Jerrey Butler, sophomore art education major, demonstrates here on the pottery wheel.